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NEO-NAZIS, JEWISH STUDENTS CLASH

Members of North American Jewish Students' Network-Canada last week clashed with neo-Nazis when the students attempted to deliver a 4,000-name petition to Ontario Attorney-General Marion Boyd calling for the laying of hate charges against pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel. They were confronted by several neo-Nazis, including the leader of the far-right Heritage Front, Wolfgang Droege (right, with beard) and George Burdie (in sunglasses), head of the Toronto cell of the Church of the Creator. [Ron Csillag photo]

Farrakhan follower attacks Jewish groups

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — A disciple of American black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan lashed into the Jewish groups that denounced his appearance at Concordia University, calling them "lying, hypocrite, no-good bastards," but at the same time denied that Farrakhan and his extremist Nation of Islam are anti-Semitic.

Khallid Abdul Muhammad, "national assistant" to Farrakhan, ridiculed a statement by the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights and McGill Hillel Students Society calling him "a demagogue, a racist and an anti-Semite" that was handed out prior to his address to about 500 people, the great majority black and supportive, and mocked attempts to have him blocked from entering Canada.

Diverting from his scheduled topic on the murder of Malcolm X, Muhammad said, "I'm going to take care of my Jew business first."

It was a stunning performance, rarely seen in Canada. Muhammad talked nonstop for two hours, never unsmiling as he defiantly lit into whites, with special attention to Jews. He attacked them for daring to show up and quietly protest his presence.

He called them "damn fools" for not realizing they were actually talking to him in the lobby.

He denied Farrakhan had called Judaism "a gutter religion" because Muslims "revere" the Torah and its prophets, and respect Jewish believers.

"My teacher and mentor knows the difference between Judaism and Zionism, and between what one professes and practises."

Instead, he insisted the remark was fabricated by the Jewish press to derail Jesse Jackson's presidential bid.

"How arrogant you are to think you are the only Semites in the world. Are you anti-Semitic for the way you are treating the Arabs and the Palestinians?," he asked, later bringing in Israel's "unholy alliance" with South Africa.

He accused "so-called" Jews of "professing one religion and practising another" and falsely claiming that they are the Chosen People, that the State of Israel is the fulfillment of biblical prophecy, and that they were slaves in Egypt.

He challenged Jews to bring on "their professor 'Goldberg' and professor 'Goldstein' " and he would debate them.

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JEWS IN A CHANGING WORLD

Intermarriage

CJN reporter Paul Lungen takes a look at the causes of and issues involved in intermarriage. First of a two-part series.

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — It is said there is nothing new under the sun.

At the dawn of Jewish history, the patriarch Abraham was faced with a problem that today's Jewish parents could readily identify with. Anxious to see his son married, Abraham called his most trusted servant to his side and made him swear an oath.

"Thou shalt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell," Abraham said, according to the book of Genesis. "But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son, even for Isaac."

Following the patriarch's instructions and, according to tradition, with angels guiding the way, the faithful servant found Rebecca — Abraham's great-niece — as a suitable wife for Isaac. The rest, as they say, is biblical history.

While some will argue that the world has changed a lot since biblical days, and that Ruth the Moabite is not the same as Ruth Cohen today, Jews still face the issue of mixed marriages and continuity, perhaps as never before.

With increasing frequency, Jews are marrying from among the modern-day "Canaanites" among whom they live.

The familiar, anecdotal stories of friends and relatives marrying outside the faith are backed by the most recent sociological data as well. A 1991 study published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto confirmed that intermarriage rates have been increasing since 1961.

The study, titled *A First Look*, found that before 1961, only two percent of Toronto Jews married outside the faith. From 1961-70 the number rose to eight percent. Between 1976-80 it climbed to 12 percent and the rate jumped to 28 percent between 1981-85. Although the data showed a drop in mixed marriages to 20 percent in the period since 1986 (some in the field dispute the accuracy of that figure), the overall trend has caused a great deal of concern among Jewish communal organizations as well as anguish among many parents who see their children marrying non-Jews.

Jewish organizations become even more concerned by the prospect that peak intermarriage rates have not yet been reached. They worry that Canada may be following the U.S. lead in this respect, albeit one generation later. Nationwide in the United States, 52 percent of current marriages involve a Jew with a non-Jewish partner.

At its October, 1992 General Assembly in New York, the Council of Jewish Federations made "continuity" the meeting's buzzword and its number one domestic priority.

Spurred in part by the U.S. statistics and the fear that Canada may one day emulate them, the Toronto federation struck a task force late last year to study the issue and develop a series of recommendations that could be applied in a practical manner. The 16-member task force, which is chaired by longtime community volunteer Aaron Brotman, is also mandated to suggest ways of funding the yet to be proposed programs.

Brotman acknowledges that the issues facing the committee are complex — perhaps even of biblical proportions — and that despite the inclusion of members from diverse backgrounds, ages and ideological convictions, as well as canvassing a broad spectrum of views, the task force will come under criticism regardless of its findings.

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Indeed, it has already generated its share of controversy for its decisions not to include rabbis among its members and for studying an issue that some feel has already been studied to death.

As recently as 1989, a task force of the planning and priorities committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, issued a 142-page report on assimilation, intermarriage and Jewish identity.

Aaron Brotman

Allan Reitzes, executive director of the federation, said that while the Congress study was a good start, it was only that — a start. The current task force will undertake a much broader consultation and will focus on the Toronto area only.

Brotman said the unique aspect of the current study is its goal of canvassing both a wide range of organizations, agencies and synagogues, as well as holding informal talks with couples involved in mixed marriages and mixed dating.

These informal "parlor meetings" will be held in a non-judgmental way and will seek the opinions of those experiencing intermarriage, those who might be considered at the margins of the organized community as well as others who wish to contribute to to the discussion.

Reitzes said one of the committee's main goals is to "bring a new level of consciousness to the community" and perhaps mobilize a co-ordinated community-wide response to the issue.

A tentative date for the task force's report has been set for January, 1994.

Allan Reitzes

Brotman acknowledged that the committee is tackling *the* issue of the 90s — one that might be unmanageable: "A colleague said what you're trying to do is like Don Quixote. I said, Don Quixote had a slam dunk compared to what we have to do."

As a prelude to its group discussions and parlor meetings, the task force has circulated in synagogue bulletins and other publications a list of eight questions that are designed to get people talking. Among the questions being asked of the Jewish public: what does being Jewish means to you; what are the benefits and disadvantages to being Jewish; what difficulties are there to participating in Jewish life in Toronto; should the community respond to intermarriage, and if so, how; what actions might help strengthen Jewish identity?

With a community as varied as Toronto, the task force is likely to hear as many views on what it is to be a Jew as there are respondents.

They might even hear some express doubt over whether the organized community can have much of an impact on sociological trends.

Egon Mayer, a professor of sociology at Brooklyn College, is considered one of the foremost researchers into Jewish continuity. Author of *Love and Tradition; Marriage Between Jews and Christians*, Mayer agrees that continuity "certainly qualifies as the pre-eminent topic on the domestic [U.S.] Jewish agenda."

But, he says, "I have very little expectation that the community can have a significant impact on the rate of intermarriage." Speaking in a telephone interview from his home in Long Island, NY, Mayer said "we have affected it to some

Egon Mayer

extent among those who are traditional and have a connection to Jewish life. Singles programs and education might have some impact [among them.]

"But others will see significantly high rates of intermarriage. It will level off. My guess is that it will level off at 65 to 75 percent. At that point, you'll hit the population who are more resistant.

"I don't think the organizations like to hear this, but my experience is that in recent years, they're willing to listen because they know the problem is important."

As they recognize the gravity of the issue, U.S. Jewish organizations have taken the view that "we simply can't afford to write these people out of Jewish history."

But Mayer takes his analysis one step further. For all the talk of continuity, there has been little discussion of the meaning of "discontinuity."

Based on his studies in the United States, Mayer said the evidence shows that those who have intermarried still identify themselves as Jews.

Because we are so concerned over the future, we don't ask the deep question of what makes for continuity for those without a traditional Jewish lifestyle, he said.

Pointing to the situation in Eastern Europe, where expressing religious beliefs was discouraged under communism, Mayer said "there is plenty of historical evidence that Jewishness is very tenacious, that people see themselves as Jews living their lives outside of any institutional involvements.

"I think the whole discussion of continuity is a mask for a different discussion — a mask for what it means to be Jewish in an open society. Who has the power to define Jewishness and what are the consequences of alternate definitions?

"We've grown comfortable over a fairly traditional definition that assumes a person's internal sense of self is mirrored in the external manifestations of synagogue, Hebrew school, Jewish organizations.

"I think that part of what's happening to North American Jewry is the Christianization of identity. That means that Jewishness is moving into the internal recesses of the heart. People say, I'm a good Jew because I feel I'm a good Jew," even if they don't have any ties to the community.

Dr. Edmond Lipsitz is a founder of the Association for Jewish Continuity, a one-year-old organization consisting of a small leadership group and about 50 volunteers who meet regularly to discuss ways of addressing intermarriage and assimilation.

Lipsitz, who served for many years as executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario Region, believes that intermarriage is the pre-eminent issue facing the Jewish community today.

Dr. Edmond Lipsitz

Claire Sookman and Rabbi Michael Skobac

He said that while intermarriage rates in Toronto are high at around 30 percent, they reach rates of 50 percent in smaller centres like Newmarket, Brampton and Oakville.

Lipsitz suggested a multi-pronged approach to addressing the issue, including raising its profile in the community; strengthening Jewish family life by providing people with information and services about how to lead a Jewish life; creating attractive places for young Jews to meet; and fostering education among young people.

What is needed now is action, not new studies, he said.

The university years are a key period in the lives of young Jewish people. It is a time when they meet other young people, when they are being intellectually challenged to consider new ideas and when they may be looking for ways of experiencing their spiritual needs, said Rabbi Michael Skobac, director of the Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto.

Young people are often searching for "transcendance, something deeply meaningful in their lives" and they didn't see that in their homes growing up, Rabbi Skobac said.

Young people want to see "that the commitment to Judaism has passion and will lead somewhere; that it will change themselves and the world," he added.

Claire Sookman, executive director of the Jewish Students Federation at York University said the 3,500 Jewish students at the north Toronto university have plenty of opportunity to meet non-Jews, "so they really have to make a concerted effort to get involved and meet Jews."

Sookman said she has heard of many young Jews dating non-Jews and often they have considered all the issues that might arise in a mixed marriage. But, "there is idealism there. They feel they can cope with it.

"Many issues revolve around the parents, who do not accept the marriage," she said. (Rabbi Skobac said he is aware of only one case in which family pressure convinced a young person to give up a non-Jewish partner.)

Last year, Sookman said, JSF held a round ta-

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Israel visit proves educational for francophone Quebecers

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — A former Quebec premier and Parti Quebecois leader said he was surprised by Israeli nationalism during a recent week-long trip to that country.

"I found it strange because Jews here are critical of nationalism," said Pierre Marc Johnson in an interview upon his return.

Johnson, a law professor at McGill University, was one of nine prominent francophone Quebecers who visited Israel under the auspices of the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region (CIC-Q). The tour included meetings with politicians, bureaucrats and academics.

CIC-Q chair Thomas Hecht said the goal was to offer "opinion-makers" from Quebec a first-hand look at the complex geopolitics of the region from a mainly Israeli perspective.

It was the Quebecers' first trip to Israel and, for most, to the Middle East. The nine were chosen for their influence in Quebec society without being either elected to office or members of the media.

Johnson said he accepted the invitation because he wanted to deepen his understanding of Israel and the region. "What you watch on TV or read in the news is never enough," he said.

Although he felt there was Likud bias in the selection of persons who met with them, Johnson said he gained a sense of the geographical realities that motivate Israel's security concerns. Seeing just how close the enemy is when you stand in the Golan or in Metulla left a vivid impression.

"From the outside you tend to see the Golan and the territories as one package, rather than distinct areas with different strategic and historical meanings," Johnson said.

As for the pervasive nationalism, he found "the notions of survival, territory, homeland and preservation of basic values were omnipresent." But at the same time he found in Israelis a "will to live among the Palestinians."

Johnson hesitated to draw any direct parallels between Israel and Quebec beyond the Jews' and French-Canadians' sense of nationhood.

"The comparisons stop there. The realities of the histories of the Jews and French-Canadians are so different. There was no shoah against the French-Canadians, and we do not have 2,000 years of history."

Sylvain Simard, president of the ultra-nationalist Mouvement National des Quebecois et Quebecoises, found one parallel between the two countries. After visiting a Bedouin village near Beersheba, he foresaw serious social problems developing analogous to those of the native peoples in Quebec.

Simard returned invigorated by witnessing the "miracles" a people can bring about when they have a strong national feeling and cohesiveness. The preservation of Hebrew alone, he said, was a good lesson for Quebecers.

He, too, felt the people he met leaned to the right of the present government. "If a person did not know better, they might have concluded that no one in Israel is in favor of negotiations."

Simard also said he is now more sensitive to Israel's precarious security situation. "It's such a small country, just 30 miles from the border to the sea at one point...Israel cannot afford to lose a single battle."

Having seen what dangers Israelis face, Simard is less sympathetic to "hawkish" Jews in Montreal. "It's easy when you live in Cote St. Luc to say there should be no concessions, but when your whole life has been spent fighting or preparing for wars, you try to find a way to a secure peace."

Tour leader Hecht said of his 96 trips to Israel, "this was probably the most outstanding." He emphasized the trip was paid for entirely from private fundraising. Accompanying the group were Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec region director Michael Crelinsten and Daniel Amar of the CIC-Q staff.

Among the personalities who met the group were deputy foreign minister Yossi Bellin; Yossin Ben Aharon, a negotiator at the peace talks; former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir; Neville Lamdam, head of the North American desk of the Foreign Office; Likud MK Benny Begin; Raphael Israeli, a Hebrew University expert on fundamentalism; Eli Ben-Elissar, former chair of the foreign affairs and defence committee; *Jerusalem Post* managing editor David Bar-Ilan; and mayors Yossi Goldberg and Isaac Rager of Metulla and Beersheba, respectively.

They also met Father Marcel Dubois, a Dominican priest from France who emigrated to Israel in 1962 and is currently a philosophy professor at Hebrew University.

Discussions were held with Palestinians at Orient House in East Jerusalem, and a Bedouin village received the group after a visit to Ben-Gurion University.

At Tel Aviv University, Jean-Denis Duquette, secretary-general of the University of Montreal's Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, put the final touches on an academic exchange with TAU's Business School. Canadian Ambassador Norman Spector hosted the Quebecers at an embassy reception.

Hecht recalled the solemnity of the group during a Yom Hashoah commemoration and the "wonderful esprit de corps" that developed.

"Everything was a revelation to them. They never expected to see a country so full of motivation and youthful spirit, building on the ashes of a people."

A group of prominent Quebecers takes a break in their journey in Jerusalem.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

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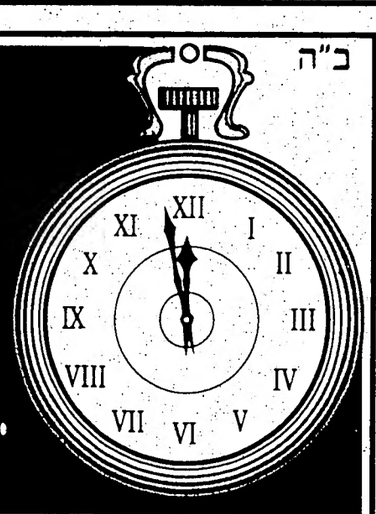

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Fourteen representatives of Quebec businesses participated in the 10-day trip to Syria and Jordan with Elkas, as well as his parliamentary assistant Robert Therien and Deputy Minister Georges Lalande.

The trip was announced as the first "multi-sectorial" ministerial mission to these countries. Represented were firms from the transportation, engineering, industrial machinery, energy, aerospace and medical supplies sectors.

They included SNC-Lavalin International Inc., G.E. Locomotive and Spar Aerospace.

"Jordan and Syria open a principal door for Quebec to the considerable markets of Iraq and Lebanon in the present context of their reconstruction," a press release from Elkas' office stated.

Canada-Israel committee Quebec chair Thomas Hecht said, "It's unbelievable that Quebec would state that it wants to help rebuild Iraq, which is contrary to the UN sanctions."

Moreover, Hecht finds it incredible Quebec is so eager to do business with Syria. Despite its enhanced image since the Gulf War, Hecht said Syria is still suspected of supporting terrorism.

A couple of years ago, Quebec opened an immigration office in Damascus.

One year ago, International Affairs Minister John Ciaccia led an official economic mission to Israel, Quebec's first.

Meanwhile, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has awarded Concordia University's engineering and computer science faculty $1,048,744 to launch a training program in manufacturing technology in Jordan.

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Israeli reservist opposes service in the territories

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Hanoch Livneh was a young inductee in the Israeli Defence Force (IDF) in the early 1970s, assigned to a mid-winter patrol of the village of Khan Yunis in the territories.

Feeling the effects of the damp and cold weather, the sergeant in command decided that he, Livneh, and another private would conduct a random house search. Barging into a house in the middle of the night, they found more than a dozen sleepy-eyed and frightened Palestinians sharing a one-room home. A 3-year-old child stared at the three Israeli soldiers in "shock" at their intrusion and rough behavior.

Livneh, disgusted at the imposition on the family and the look of fear in the child, decided to leave. The other private, not wishing to get wet, remained.

Livneh points to that incident many years ago as the beginning of his personal search for an ethical way to oppose what many call the occupation. Today, Livneh is Tel Aviv-area spokesman for Yesh Gvul (YG), an organization of IDF soldiers, officers and reservists who refuse to serve in Gaza, the West Bank and Southern Lebanon. Livneh, 41, remains a reservist in the IDF. He served in the armoured corps during the 1973 Yom Kippur War and in the 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

"I think it's illegal and immoral to serve in the occupied territories," he told about 50 people recently at the University of Toronto.

Yesh Gvul can be translated as either "there's a limit" or "there's a boundary," — both of which describe the position taken by the organization.

Livneh said that for many years he was lucky his reserve unit was not assigned to duty in the territories. But in October 1988 he was faced with that prospect. He recalled his experience in Khan Yunis and was also affected by his two teenage daughters, who wanted to know what he would do if he was there. Livneh decided not to serve.

After spending two weeks in jail for his stand he decided to join Yesh Gvul (YG). He eventually became one of their main spokesmen. Livneh's recent visit to Toronto, sponsored by Toronto Friends of YG and Jews for a Just Peace, was the only Canadian stop on a 30-city, 30-day North American tour.

Yesh Gvul is part of the Israeli peace camp and believes in a two-state solution to the conflict with the Palestinians. It also acts as a support group for soldiers who won't serve in the territories, people Livneh refers to as "Refuseniks."

The choice of that term was no accident — it is designed to draw attention to the "moral message" of those willing to pay the price for their convictions, he said. So far, 170 Israeli soldiers have been jailed for refusing to serve in the territories.

Livneh said the occupation "is corrupting and ruining Israel. The government gives young soldiers clubs, rifles and tear gas grenades and tells them: 'Go and rule and break their hands and legs.' They return to Israel with all the violence they gained in the [military service]."

Yesh Gvul has recently tackled the issue of IDF undercover units which recruit soldiers to dress as Arabs, infiltrate their communities and who are given "a licence to kill."

In September 1992, YG published a pamphlet that accused the unit of killing 95 Palestinians up to August 1992. The pamphlet was distributed widely, including to Israeli high schools. Publication of the pamphlet, which contained items drawn from the Hebrew press and a May 1992 report of the Israeli human rights organization B'Tzelem, caused an uproar, Livneh said.

But after Israel's November draft of 18-year-olds, the unit could barely fill its places with new volunteers, he said. "Me and my friends are honored to be blamed" for that turn of events, he added.

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CBC's Wallin concerned about impact of TV

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — "I'd like to recruit you to help us be better," Pamela Wallin, co-anchor of CBC Prime Time News, told 300 women at the recent Toronto Hadassah-WIZO lunch held at the Inn on the Park Hotel to celebrate 60 years of Youth Aliyah.

Wallin, keynote speaker at the fundraiser, expressed concerns about the impact of television, particularly on children, who may witness 100,000 acts of violence by the end of elementary school.

Television is often used as a babysitter for children between the ages of 3 and 7, the age by which the brain has attained 90 percent of its adult weight, said Wallin. Possible negative effects include a tendency to ignore language in favor of visual effects.

In 1991 only two out of five North American households purchased a book, said Wallin. Most of the purchasers were over age 65.

Television has replaced newspapers as most people's primary news source, Wallin said. Canadians spend an average of seven hours a day in front of the television.

Aside from newscasts, Wallin noted, television imparts lifestyle information and values in commercials and situation comedies in which "at 29 minutes after the hour everyone lives happily ever after."

To show how television is changing, Wallin offered examples such as the ubiquity of remote channel changers, the increasing number of channel choices, and television's increased international scope, as evidenced by the presence of CNN in 90 countries.

Demographics have brought about changes. Because of the aging population, "women over 29 are no longer being tossed off the screen."

Economic woes that can be traced to lost viewership, however, have led to staff cutbacks at television networks.

Wallin lauded the increased scrutiny under which television and other media have come. The preoccupying nature of television is disconcerting, said Wallin, who is a psychologist by training. She doesn't think that censorship, either by viewers or networks, is the answer.

"Television can become a powerful educational tool. We have to teach our children to become critical spectators and informed consumers of news and information," she said.

"We're in the business of simplification. We're the first to concede that the

Pamela Wallin

90-second news story is not the best vehicle to try to explain this ever more complicated world.... But we don't deliberately look for flaws or scandals for the sake of creating pain or embarrassment. We do look for contradictions and incompetence. We need a healthy, open, vibrant press."

Wallin expressed a sense of connection with Hadassah women based on a trip to Israel and Egypt some 10 years ago. The meeting she witnessed then between a group of American Jewish women and Egyptian women gives her confidence that a peace process is possible.

Arlene Perly Rae, wife of Ontario premier Bob Rae, brought greetings from the Ontario government. Asia Zeigerman, wife of Israeli consul-general Dror Zeigerman, brought greetings on her husband's behalf. Hadassah-WIZO's national president, Esther Matlow, delivered the invocation.

Youth Aliyah began in Berlin in 1933, when a group of Jewish teenagers were spirited to Palestine. It continues with the rescue, rehabilitation, education and absorption of immigrant children from Ethiopia, and the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia. The recent luncheon was the first in a series of fundraisers planned for their 60th anniversary year.

Hate group meeting stopped

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — Thanks to a fast action by members of Victoria's Jewish Community Relations Committee, a local hotel cancelled a scheduled meeting of the allegedly racist Canadian League of Rights. The principal speaker was to have been Ron Gostick, national director of the League. Also billed as a speaker was Eric Boswell, director of the Alberta League of Rights.

The meeting was to have been held May 5 at the Sherwood Park Inn. Michael Peters, Harry Abrams and other leaders of the Jewish Community Relations Committee found out about it a few days before and immediately swung into action to convince the hotel to cancel, *The CJN* was told.

Peters, a former Montrealer, said, he and the committee got on the phone and contacted dozens of members of the community, the Victoria mayor and members of the newly-formed Victoria Race Relations Committee, urging support in getting the meeting cancelled. Peters said the hotel was flooded with calls, including one from the mayor, urging a cancellation. The hotel was warned also that students from the Victoria area would demonstrate in front of the hotel if the meeting was held.

Russ Turner, manager of the hotel, said the meeting was booked inadvertently and agreed to the cancellation. The League tried another hotel, but was turned down. However, Peters thinks Gostick did speak to a much smaller group, although he wasn't sure of the locale.

A directory of hate organizations published by the Salmon Arm (B.C.) Coalition Against Racism (SACAR) quotes Canadian Jewish Congress as stating that the Canadian League of Rights is "perhaps Canada's leading anti-Semitic organization," and has been labelled as white supremacist and "neo-fascist."

Canadian students head to Poland and Israel

By DEE KRAMER

TORONTO — Forty-three university graduates and students, from 18 different communities across Canada, left May 5 for a 13-day exploration of Jewish history, commemoration and rebirth in Poland and Israel.

The program, called Anguish to Hope, exposes participants to the issues of assimilation, apathy and erosion of Jewish identity and hopes they will return with a stronger Jewish identity and a readiness to make a commitment to Israel. Anguish to Hope is sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), United Israel Appeal of Canada and local Jewish federations.

The four-day Polish leg of the trip promises to be meaningful. The students are accompanied by Anne Hellman, an Auschwitz survivor on her first trip back to Poland. They visit the death camps of Majdanek and Auschwitz/Birkenau to witness the stark reality of the camps and crematoriums.

"I figure it is something I have to see," said Michal Iny, a philosophy student at the University of Western Ontario. "I have to witness it so that I can pass it on, so I can do my share."

The group will lay a wreath at the Memorial of the Heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto on the 50th anniversary of the 18th day of the uprising. They will also visit Mila 18, once the headquarters of the uprising, and see the Umschlagplatz, the marshalling point to the death camps.

They spend Oneg Shabbat in Krakow, the royal capital left largely untouched by the devastation of World War II, and have Shabbat services with the Jewish community of Remah.

The group then spends an intensive nine days in Israel, where many will stay on to volunteer, continue their studies, or visit relatives.

One of the major objectives of the program is to allow the students to meet with their peers. In Poland they meet with local university students and discuss Poland's relationship with the Jewish people and the State of Israel. In Israel, they will attend a workshop at the Givat Haviva Centre for Israeli-Arab Studies and visit an Arab village to meet with Israeli Arabs in their homes.

The program was initiated by Wendy Eisen, co-chair of the CJC's education and continuity committee. On the eve of the group's departure, she hosted an orientation dinner for the group in her home at which Nathan Leipciger told of the time he and his family were in Auschwitz. The room was silent as he spoke of the continual hunger, abuse and fear, and ultimately how he and his father were relocated to work in Germany.

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Simon Wiesenthal

Almost from the day he was liberated from the Mauthausen concentration camp in May 1945, Simon Wiesenthal began gathering information for the occupying U.S. forces to help to bring Nazi war criminals to justice. A native of the Lvov area of Ukraine, Wiesenthal and his wife, the former Cyla Muller, lost 89 members of their families to the Nazis. After a hiatus from Nazi-hunting activities during the height of the Cold War, he opened the Jewish Documentation Centre in Vienna. Wiesenthal, 85, has been involved in bringing some of the most notorious war criminals to justice, including Adolf Eichmann, the head of the Gestapo's Jewish department who helped implement the Final Solution. He spoke to The CJN's Paul Lungen in his office in Vienna.

CJN: *Can you explain to our readers your involvement in the Eichmann case?*

Wiesenthal: The biggest criminals [are found] on the basis of teamwork. Teamwork [was important in] the case of Eichmann. No one can say that he is alone responsible for [finding] Eichmann.

The most important thing I did was in 1947, when Eichmann's wife wished to declare him dead [and she relied] on the testimony of a former German soldier who said he saw Eichmann shot to death.

After the war people made such declarations and if no one [disputed it] within 14 days, the man was declared dead.

But I talked to the judge and he gave me four weeks time and I found out that the soldier who made the declaration was Mrs. Eichmann's brother-in-law. So this was the best argument for me that the man was alive.

The judge called Mrs. Eichmann and said, this declaration is a fake and he warned her not to repeat it.

We [watched] Mrs. Eichmann and in 1952 she left her home without taking any papers for her children who were still in school. In South America, they didn't need those papers.

In 1958, the Israeli Mossad (secret service) asked me what I knew about Eichmann. We exchanged information. The Eichmann family lives in Linz and I lived in Linz, both on the same street, and I knew a lot about what was going on in their home.

I gave whatever help I could, but I was not in Argentina [when] the Mossad sent Isser Harel and some other people [to capture him]. The day they brought him to Israel I was congratulated by Yad Vashem and I was invited to Israel as one of the people who was involved in the Eichmann case.

CJN: *What are the Documentation Centre's current activities?*

Wiesenthal: I'll mention one other case that was my hardest case. That was to find the man who arrested Anne Frank. Why? Because the diary of Anne Frank had a bigger impact in the world than [all] the Nuremburg trials.

[People cannot identify with] tiers of bodies. With a child, with a family, you can identify. And this diary was translated into 32 languages and millions of people know the story. Many streets and schools and villages are named for Anne Frank.

For the neo-Nazis, the name Anne Frank is a horror. When they saw its impact, their newspapers [claimed] it was a Jewish invention to blame the Nazis and the Germans; they claimed [it was invented to] get money from the Germans; that Anne Frank never existed; that the diary is a fake.

[During an incident in Linz] where young people interrupted a play about Anne Frank in a theatre, I spoke with one of these young people, and he said to me, 'You are a Nazi-hunter, why can you not find the man who arrested Anne Frank'?

And he said that if the policeman said he arrested Anne Frank, he would believe him. I thought this young man was right. But how [do you] find a man without an office, with nothing written by him, without a name.

It was 1958 when I started. In 1963 I found the man. He was a policeman here in Vienna.

His name was Karl Silberbauer. He said he came with two Dutch policemen and took them to the Dutch police station.

This was really the hardest case. It was not so easy.

CJN: *Who would you say is the most wanted Nazi war criminal today?*

Wiesenthal: Alois Brunner. I have doubts if he is dead. There were reports in some Arab newspapers that he passed away. He is number one. There are others from the staff of Eichmann that we cannot find. One of them was arrested by me and he escaped from prison in 1948. He was the commandant of Theresienstadt, Anton Berger. We believe he is alive and for us it's an open case.

There are other cases where we don't know if the people are alive, because, don't forget, if someone had a [major] function, by the end of

the war he was a minimum of 40 years old. That means that today he would be 88.

Last year we found a man who we looked for after the war. We found him on the Canary Islands. The man is 91. He was the boss of the anti-Jewish and anti-Polish propaganda in Poland under the governor of Poland, Hans Frank. He's lived there for 20 years. I informed the Poles and they said that this crime, a propaganda crime, is covered by the statute of limitations.

CJN: *Are you alarmed by the rising tide of anti-Semitism in Europe? Does it remind you of the 1930s?*

Wiesenthal: No. You cannot compare what is going on today with what happened in the 1930s in Germany. Neo-Nazi groups were in West Germany almost immediately after the war, but they were under control. The police knew about them. But in the new part of Germany, after the unification, there's a big problem.

No country in the world, not Israel, not the United States, has published so many books about Nazism and against Nazism, so many movies, so many dramatic plays, as West Germany.

In East Germany, there was none of this because the East German communists felt they won the war and they weren't responsible for it. Also, East Germany was a part of the Eastern bloc with its international character. They invited groups of people from many countries, from Asia, from Africa, to train as terrorists. They had also a number of training camps for the Palestinians and for other people for the "future world revolution".

These foreigners attended East German universities and they had an influence on them. There were [disputes] between the [German] young people and these foreigners. And in the moment of unification, they said, we don't need the foreigners.

[In addition], young people [were educated to think in terms of] an enemy and the enemy was always the people of the West and the older generation. [That is why] we have differences between the younger and older generations. Young people are frustrated because they are jobless. Such people can be manipulated. You cannot say even when they paint a swastika on the wall that they are neo-Nazis. It's a matter of a provocation against the West, against Germany, against the older generation.

In Western Germany the police [recently conducted] a search and arrested 26 neo-Nazis. They knew of them. But in Eastern Germany, you have in every place 20, 30, 40 young people. Everybody knows everybody else and they cannot be infiltrated like in Western Germany.

In the morning they don't know what they will do in the evening. They are always focused on the media and they say, aha, we'll do the same. Fighting against such groups is not easy. But I believe the government will win against them, absolutely. I don't see any reason for panic.

CJN: *You don't see this is a mass movement?*

Wiesenthal: No. There are people who follow the [extremist] Republican Party. There are a number of smaller organizations, smaller than the Republicans, and they get their votes too. But all the other political parties say they won't include the Republicans in a coalition. And a political party which can't one day be a member of a government has no future.

CJN: *So you think when the economy improves and young people get jobs that this extremist activity will all blow over?*

Wiesenthal: I was in East Germany many times. For years, they saw West German TV and they saw how the people lived. And they wished to have [these goods] — not tomorrow, but yesterday. The only things they want are better cars, better houses.

CJN: *That's more important to them than the issue of the foreigners?*

Wiesenthal: Yes.

CJN: *In the past you've refused to visit Canada because of its record on war criminals. Can you explain your reasons for that?*

Wiesenthal: [Justice Jules] Deschenes (who investigated Nazi war criminals for the federal government in the mid-1980s) was occupied with 700 cases. Around 280 were from me. And Deschenes proposed to the government that 26 cases should be brought to trial. The first two cases, Finta and Luitjens, were my cases.

Finta, who was sentenced by a non-communist government in Hungary, was acquitted, and Luitjens they [deported] to Holland.

If there will be another case, I don't know. But [many who served in] the Ukrainian police came to Canada at a time when according to Canadian law it was forbidden for members of the SS to enter Canada.

[Eight thousand men from the Ukrainian SS division] were transferred from the United Kingdom to Canada between 1948-49 and the law [barring SS men entry] was changed in 1952. This means that according to the law, they were in Canada illegally.

Among them were a big number of people from the Ukrainian police. In 1944 when the [Nazis] lost this part of Galicia they took out the Ukrainian police and included them in the division.

CJN: *Why do you think Canada is so slow to prosecute the people you think should be brought to justice?*

Wiesenthal: Because you have one million Ukrainians in a country with 27 million. A million is a big number.

CJN: *What would have to happen in Canada for you to change your mind and visit the country?*

Wiesenthal: I am not going to come to a democratic country and be the trouble-maker. This is not the way. I remember before the Deschenes commission, I sent [Solicitor General Robert] Kaplan a letter with the names and addresses of 28 Ukrainian SS officers in the region of Toronto and said, you should find the rest. And nothing was done.

And many of them who I found were in the Ukrainian police. And what did the police do? It was an arm of the Nazis against the Jews. And in small places in Galicia, it was not the SS, it was the Ukrainian police [who acted against the Jews]. They received orders of the Germans to do it. Sometimes, they did it alone, without orders.

CJN: *Looking at other countries which have prosecuted Nazis, do you feel they are becoming more reluctant to do so?*

Wiesenthal: Everything is moving to a biological solution. My last big case was about a man in Stuttgart, Josef Schwammberger, who was arrested 47 years after he committed the crimes and about 10,000 kms from the place of the crime. He got life, he's in prison.

The whole value of my work is a warning to the murderers of tomorrow that they can never rest. All these people in different countries, in South Africa, in Australia, they believe I know much more than I know in reality. And there are some people living under false names who do not sleep more than four weeks in one bed.

What can we do for the future? Warn people that if they commit crimes, they will never be forgotten. I give you the example of Schwammberger, arrested 47 years after the crimes. He had a very nice house in La Plata, Argentina. He had a very good pension.

This is an example for the murderers of tomorrow. This is the only thing we can do for our grandchildren and all the grandchildren, because the crimes of the Nazis are so enormous that they cannot be punished.

CJN: *There seems to be a change of focus in the Wiesenthal Centre from going after Nazi war criminals to opposing neo-Nazis and racists...*

Wiesenthal: [Racism is] all around the world. We should fight against it.

On the other side, the only positive result of the war was the creation of the state of Israel. People don't look on Jews as homeless people.

Our centre in Los Angeles is doing everything to help Israel, regardless of who is in government there. And I am doing the same.

I look for friends even from non-Jews. The museum we established in Los Angeles was for the memory of the six million Jews and the millions of others.

Immediately, Elie Wiesel was against it. Why? Because [he felt] this diminishes the Holocaust when you mention others also.

And I say this is not a diminution — we make the guilt of the Nazis bigger. For two thousand years, people killed Jews and it had no influence on people. For the first time, Jews and people

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In 1991, these young Montrealers were the first Canadians volunteering with Magen David Adom in Israel.

Canadian university students take part in MDA program

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — When anxious Jerusalem residents call their version of emergency phone number 911 over the next two months — in Israel it's 1-0-1 — there's more than a fair chance that the Magen David Adom (MDA) ambulance that answers the call will have Canadians on board.

Ten Canadians — all university-age students from Montreal and Toronto — are spending May 12-July 12 in Jerusalem as part of a three-year-old volunteer program launched in Montreal to give visitors hands-on experience at Israel's emergency ambulance service.

It can be gritty — and occasionally even gruesome — work. But it also has given participants a realistic look at life in Israel. Participants pay their own way, live on their own like ordinary Israelis and the work, while rigorous, has uniformly proved enriching, said Ronald Wald, at age 20 a veteran of the program.

For the first time this year, Wald said, the Montreal MDA office is directly involved in the project, which was conceived in 1991 by the aliyah office of the Canadian Zionist Federation to give local young people a realistic idea of what life in Israel is like when you actually live there.

As far as Wald knows no other North American city has a similar program.

"This is a 100 percent Israeli environment," said Wald, a McGill University science student who sports a kipa and like many participants, plans to enter medical school. "In this work there are no tourist barriers. You are really on your own. You're not picking oranges at a kibbutz."

Members of last year's group, for example, were at the scene when two Jerusalem policemen were stabbed near the Western Wall. One died.

Wald also witnessed his first death — the result of cardiac arrest — a memory that has stayed with him, but also one he thinks will ultimately make him a better doctor.

But the rewards derived from helping others and maybe even saving lives come with the job as well.

Wald said demand to take part in the program, called Canadian Volunteers for MDA, has grown steadily since 1991, entirely through word of mouth. Nine students took part the first year, and 13 the second.

As in Israel, the MDA volunteers undergo 45 hours of emergency medical training, ranging from cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), checking vital signs, and handling fractures to dealing safely with potential spinal cord injuries and stopping bleeding.

Of the 20 MDA ambulances covering the Jerusalem area, program participants are assigned to the white, "life support ambulances." They work hand-in-hand with the ambulance "drivers," something of a misnomer because they are MDA's only salaried employees and are also its most trained and experienced workers. There is only one ambulance for Jerusalem equipped with intensive care unit equipment, such as cardiac defribrillators.

The students, who live at subsidized absorption centre apartments arranged through the CZF, work two to an ambulance, in shifts: 7 a.m.- 3-p.m. or 11 p.m.-7 a.m.

Wald, who is helping to co-ordinate but is not participating directly in the program this year, also said the program is taking place a bit earlier than in previous years to make more room for volunteers in Israel who finish school in June.

Wald also works as a volunteer for Cote St. Luc's Emergency Medical Service (EMS).

Like the Israeli experience, it has helped him to learn to use newly-developed skills under pressure.

The difference between the two countries is that in the Jewish state, "you get the greater sensitivity to what Israel is all about.

That's why when you get right down to it, a major goal of the program is simply to get people to Israel," Wald said.

Participants backed out

This year the number was expected to be even higher, but Wald said some prospective participants regrettably backed out out of concern over the upsurge in terrorist incidents in Jerusalem earlier this year. The 10 who are going are evenly divided between boys and girls, and four are from Ontario.

Those accepted to the program, just like Israelis who volunteer for MDA (except for the trained drivers, all MDA personnel is volunteer) have to show the right stuff, and, because of the demand, this is the first year students have instituted a more stringent selection and are taking a more hands-on role in co-ordinating the trip.

Knowledge of Hebrew is a decided asset, but prospective participants also have had to show a maturity and seriousness belying their years.

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World

Settlers fear Arab police

By HERB KEINON

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Proposals to set up an armed Palestinian police force in the territories have residents of the settlements fearing the long-dreaded day of reckoning is arriving fast.

If settlers harbored hopes that autonomy would be some watered-down concession that would keep Palestinians quiet while not impacting too much on their own lives, publicized intentions of giving the nod to a Palestinian police force have shattered these illusions.

"This round of talks is very serious, the sword is now at our throats," says Rabbi Benny Elon, the head of the Emunim settlement organization.

"Somehow, with a broken heart and without any choice, I will live with a limited autonomy for the Arabs of Judea, Samaria and Gaza," wrote Hagai Segal, a resident of Ofra and radio news editor for the right wing Arutz 7 network, in an op-ed piece in *Ma'ariv*. "But I will never agree to the presence of foreign armed forces west of the Jordan. Therefore, it is advisable that our representatives to the talks in Washington take not only Arab violence into consideration, but also Jewish opposition."

And Segal, who served time in the '80s for participation in the Jewish underground, was not a lone voice. Both leaders and "regular folk" in the settlements talked of this proposal as a dangerous "turning point," and as something with which they simply cannot and will not live.

"The government is now talking about the most bread-and-butter issue possible," said Ofer Goldstein, a resident of Ma'aleh Levona in the West Bank. "This is something that touches us like nothing else.

"If I am ordered to stop by an Arab with a gun, I won't pull over and be interrogated," said Goldstein, seriously injured on the road to his settlement last year by an ax-wielding terrorist.

"First of all, as a proud Jew in my land, it would gall me to be subject to what would amount to a PLO police force," he said. "And, secondly, if today when I leave my house I don't know if I will return - and that's with an IDF presence on the ground - what do you think will happen if you have armed Arabs in uniform? Do you think they will be charming toward us?"

Yehuda Pinsky, a Beit-El resident and deputy head of the West Bank's Binyamin Regional Council, said he is not as concerned about being harmed by the Palestinian policeman who may stop him on the roads, as he is about the same policeman not intervening if another group of Arabs sees him stopped and decides to attack.

The streets of cities like Ramallah and Halhoul, through which thousands of settlers drive each day to get to and from their homes, are not exactly favorite stopping points for Jews, he said.

And although the logistics of the police force have not yet been worked out, Pinsky says he can't imagine that the Palestinian police won't be responsible for the roads in and around Arab towns.

This type of situation would create a problem for Goldstein, for example. His job as sports director at the community center in Psagot means that each day he drives past Ein Siniya and the Jelazoun refugee camp, and through the streets of Ramallah.

Pinsky said the police proposal flicked a "psychological and intellectual switch" in him and rammed home the feeling that the interests and concerns of the settlers are no longer even a small factor in Prime Minister Rabin's thinking. "How can he put Palestinians in control of the roads and expect the Jews not to go crazy? What he is doing is telling us all to go jump in the lake."

But the settlers aren't going to jump without a splash. Goldstein, who organized the blocking of key roads in the territories as a protest against the wave of terror last month, said all the political demonstrations "within the framework of the law" have failed to have any impact on the government. "We have ceased to be a factor in the game."

As a result, he said, there will be an escalation. "I have the feeling that at some point people will take to the streets in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, not only at junctions in the West Bank. We have to wake people up, and this might mean creating constant disturbances inside the cities. I prefer to be unpopular and in jail than to lose my home. We have not done this yet. We have not stopped traffic on the Ayalon highway in Tel Aviv night after night. But if we have to, we will."

Shulamit Aloni

Arye Deri

Shas party sparks crisis

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The political crisis in Israel's governing coalition escalated last Sunday, when the head of the Orthodox Shas party resigned from the cabinet in an apparent ploy to oust the leader of the dovish Meretz bloc from her post as education minister.

Under the law, Interior Minister Arye Deri's resignation could not go into effect until Tuesday, giving Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin two days to shore up his teetering coalition. As *The CJN* went to press, Rabin was attempting to persuade Shulamit Aloni to accept a different portfolio.

Rabin also faced a Knesset no-confidence motion Monday, introduced by right-wing parties unhappy with the government's handling of the peace process.

The coalition crisis erupted last week when the Shas party warned Rabin it would pull its six Knesset members out of the government because the outspoken Aloni had crossed the line once too often in her verbal attacks against religion.

What touched off the party's anger at Aloni this time around was her criticism of Rabin for being "fatalistic" by reciting the Shema Yisrael prayer at an anniversary commemoration last month for the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

If Shas does quit, the governing coalition would survive, but only by the thinnest possible margin. The move would make Rabin uncomfortably dependent on the Arab parties to maintain his majority in the 120-seat Knesset.

Rabin met with Aloni last Sunday and was believed to have discussed alternative ministerial posts for her.

On Monday, the *Jerusalem Post* reported that Deri has been co-ordinating his moves with some Labor ministers who want Aloni out of the education portfolio and Shas safe in the coalition. The *Post* did not name the ministers.

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Wiesenthal

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from 15 or 20 nations had the same enemy. It was my dream [to work for] a sort of brotherhood of the victims and with their help to fight against a repetition.

[By focusing only on] the Holocaust, we are reducing Nazism to a Jewish problem. This is false. Since the war I have written letters to organizations saying, I agree with you that six million Jews [were killed], but talk also about the other people. Because they are our natural partners and they are organized in their countries.

After this war, people were in shock and they ran away from Europe because half of Europe was communist and Stalin was no better than Hitler. They emigrated. You have in the United States more non-Jewish survivors of camps than Jewish. They have their organizations. But I could never bring people from Jewish organizations to have contact with them.

There are people who were themselves in camps, and they have children and they know about this. They are our natural partners. In our museum that was recently opened [in Los Angeles], before you go into the part on the Holocaust, you see sections on racism in the United States against the blacks, the Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and then about Cambodia, about the Armenians.

CJN: *I understand you're now involved in the question of Bosnia.*

Wiesenthal: Yes.

CJN: *In what way?*

Wiesenthal: I am [sponsoring] a seminar about the crimes in Bosnia, because terrible crimes are being committed and I as a survivor cannot be silent. The relationship between the Jews and the Muslims in Sarajevo was always very good. They were there for 500 years. This is one of the reasons that Israel accepted Bosnian refugees.

CJN: *What sort of seminar are you helping plan?*

Wiesenthal: Ten years ago I founded in New York an institute for research into genocide. Since that time, there have been seminars about Cambodia, about the Miskito Indians in Nicaragua and many others. And recently, they [held] a three-day seminar about the crimes committed in Bosnia; about the rapes of women and the killings in the camps. This is terrible what is going on.

In the time of Nazism, everything was secret. People didn't know. But today the media bring us what's going on every evening.

Ministry tried to bar Muhammad

MONTREAL —Canadian immigration officials on May 4 ordered Khallid Abdul Muhammad to leave the country because he had entered illegally, or else appear before immigration adjudicators last Friday.

Muhammad was served with a so-called notice of inquiry at Concordia University on the day of his speech there.

Neil Drabkin, senior adviser to Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner, said that by entering Canada, Muhammad had violated federal law because in 1988, he was sentenced in Atlanta to three years in prison for using a false social security number to obtain a loan.

As of *The CJN*'s Monday morning deadline, it was not known whether Muhammad showed up for his hearing but it was widely rumored that he had already left Canada voluntarily.

Weiner's office had sought to bar Muhammad from entering Canada.

The Black Coalition of Quebec joined with Canadian Jewish Congress in denouncing statements made by Muhammad while in Montreal.

They called his remarks "anti-Semitic, racist and anti-gay." (In addition to other comments, Muhammad referred to the late civil rights activist Bayard Rustin as a "faggot" and to J. Edgar Hoover, the late FBI director, as "Gay" Edgar Hoover).

"We reject all such forms of public intervention which maliciously attempt to create conflict between communities," Black Coalition president Dan Philip said. "It is vital to combat all those who threaten to undermine intercultural relations and understanding."

Rabbi Reuben Poupko, chair of the CJC Quebec Region executive, said, "We need to have the courage to identify and denounce racism. Mr. Muhammad's message, we are sure, is rejected by all people of goodwill," adding that the Jewish community here has enjoyed good relations with the black community.

B'nai Brith League for Human Rights national chairman Stephen Scheinberg, who like Rabbi Poupko attended Muhammad's address at Concordia, said he "continued in the long tradition of the Nation of Islam with anti-Semitic attacks, Afro-centrism and homophobia.

"He skilfully manipulated his audience with half-truths, distortions, low 'humor,' and emotional appeals to their blackness ... All the opprobrium heaped on the white race seems to be centred on the Jews."

Most troubling to Scheinberg was the warm reception given Muhammad. "Blacks in this city seem to have forgotten that a purportedly gay man was just killed by Nazi skinheads."

Nevertheless, he doubts the Nation of Islam has found a base here.

The Caribbean Students Union said it invited Muhammad to Montreal because it considers him a moderate "and to our knowledge, he has not expressed views attacking any community or ethnic group."

The League for Human Rights had written to Concordia rector Patrick Kenniff four days before the event voicing its disapproval of Muhammad's presence at the university.

Kenniff wrote back: "In any university, and Concordia is no exception, the freedom to speak, within the limits established by the laws of the land, is a precious right that we are obligated to defend, even when the ideas expressed do not coincide with our own...

"The Caribbean Students Union has demonstrated its sensitivity to potential concerns about racism and anti-Semitism by asking representatives of Jewish student groups ... to attend the event in order that a dialogue may take place and a full range of views be brought into the discussion."

Hillel declined a challenge made by Muhammad to debate the day after his address. Stephen Spodek of the Hillel staff said no such invitation had been made to the society before Muhammad's announcement.

CJC, BB, Hillel and the campus group Save All Jews Everywhere joined in protesting Muhammad's presence in a non-confrontational way. Several representatives of the groups milled about in the university's main lobby before the program, handing out a statement expressing "sadness" that students would sponsor Muhammad.

The statements also called for dialogue between Jews and blacks so "we may come together again in our common struggle" against racism.

A fair bit of dialogue did take place in the lobby with few apparent concessions on either side.

Security was tight, with Montreal police parked outside and private guards inside. The event's organizers frisked everyone entering the auditorium.

— J.A.

House leader Andre under fire

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Government House Leader Harvie Andre has come under fire from a number of fronts in the wake of his statement last week that the Canadian military cannot prevent its members from attending neo-Nazi meetings or holding racist views.

"There is no law against thinking whatever thoughts you might choose and there's no law against going to meetings," Andre was quoted in *The Globe and Mail* as saying.

"I do not think the Canadian Armed Forces has the capability, and I think people would be very upset, if we tried to institute a scheme of inquiring into people's minds."

Andre's comments came shortly after reports indicated that members of the Canadian Airborne Regiment were under investigation by the military's Special Investigations Unit for possible links to white supremacist organizations.

Other reports indicated that eight Canadian soldiers attended a white-supremacist rally near Metcalfe, Ont. in July 1990. Wolfgang Droege, head of the white supremacist Heritage Front, told the *Toronto Star* that as many as 24 members of the armed forces belong to the organization.

Alan Borovoy, general counsel for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA), told *The CJN* that "there is good reason not to recruit people like that into the [armed forces]."

He said that while the CCLA has not formulated a policy regarding the removal of those already in the service, the CCLA believes that a soldier's racist views and activities create a "reasonable basis of concern" as to the type of posting they should be given. It is only common sense that involvement in racist organizations should be a presumptive criteria to move them out of certain assignments, Borovoy said.

Hal Joffe, co-chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' national community relations committee, said "the Canadian military is no place for anyone who would not be prepared to protect every single Canadian. In its overseas function, [the Canadian military] is a peacekeeping service. How can we expect white supremacists to serve on Canada's behalf with honor and distinction when he or she considers those they are there to protect as subhuman?"

Joffe said Andre missed a "fundamental issue" — that white supremacists want to destroy democracy while the Canadian military is established to protect democracy.

Congress president Irving Abella said neo-Nazis should be removed from the military immediately.

The Canadian armed forces regularly exercises judgment in determining whether people are qualified for certain positions, said Ian Kagedan, director of government relations for B'nai Brith.

Canadian peacekeepers are in contact with other cultures and represent Canada as ambassadors abroad. The armed forces should screen out those with racist views, he said. The military's attitude towards these people is doubly puzzling considering the soldiers' predecessors in the armed forces fought and died fighting the Nazis, while modern day neo-Nazis openly admire Canada's wartime enemies, Kagedan said.

B'nai Brith called for a full investigation of racists in the military as well as a full-scale national inquiry into the operation of extremist groups in Canada.

Cleveland Moulton, a spokesman for the Black Action Defence Committee, told *The CJN* that white supremacists should be drummed out of the army.

He said such racists in the military could train others in military techniques and could help foment unrest in the future.

Osman Ali, executive-director of the Somali-Canadian Association of Etobicoke, said he was "shocked" that white supremacists may be among the Canadian soldiers stationed as peacekeepers in Somalia.

Farrakhan assistant rails against Jews

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Jews who call Farrakhan "the new Hitler" have also got it wrong, Muhammad asserted, saying it's "a goddamned lie [Farrakhan] made fun or light of the Jewish Holocaust...

"You lost six million to the no-good cracker, the satan. We don't pretend that's nothing.

"We lost 250 million in the crossing from Africa to America." But, he warned Jews will not get respect from blacks until they respect them, hinting at violence if necessary.

A moment touched with unexpected poignancy occurred at the end of the emotionally wrenching evening when Rabbi Reuben Poupko and Muhammad — and much of the audience — solemnly recited "Never again."

Rabbi Poupko, one of the few Jews present, with an unusual fatigue in his voice, rose in the question period to declare that as a Jew and rabbi, "In your eyes, I might not have the moral authority to say this, but I believe you can build your people up without putting others down. That is what I try to do with my people."

He expressed pride in his Jewish nationalism. Zionism, like the desire for a black homeland, has freed Jews by giving them their own land, he said. Echoing Muhammad, Rabbi Poupko said he, too, "feared no one but God."

Muhammad responded that Rabbi Poupko sounded "like a sincere man" and blacks "could take a page from him." He remarked that the depiction of Hitler and the Nazis "in your movies and books, and what is taught in your synagogues and shuls" could be interpreted as negative. Blacks today, he suggested, view whites the same way for a long history of oppression.

Muhammad, whose visit was sponsored by the Caribbean Students Association, alleged Malcolm X was murdered by U.S. government undercover agents and not by black Muslims in 1965. He accused Jews of bankrolling Spike Lee's film of the same name to the tune of $30 million.

He launched into Jews in general for defaming blacks in movies, television and plays, saying he is solidly behind the protest against a production of *Show Boat* in Toronto.

The evening was also a fundraiser for the Nation of Islam, and the largest announced donation — $800 — was from Expos baseball player Delino Deshields.

Muhammad received a standing ovation. No one raised their hand when he asked how many thought he or Farrakhan were anti-Semitic.

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Slovak president pledges to start Holocaust education

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In an emotional meeting with Jewish community leaders here, the president of the Slovak Republic broke down in tears when recalling the fate of Jews in his village during the Nazi Holocaust, and pledged to ensure that young Slovaks learn about the tragic events of the World War II era.

The Slovak president, Michal Kovac, was in town recently, along with other world leaders for the dedication of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. He met with officials from the American Jewish Committee and B'nai B'rith International at the AJCommittee office here.

In response to a question from Hyman Bookbinder, AJCommittee's former longtime Washington representative, about whether the Slovak people have an adequate understanding of the Holocaust, Kovac began to describe, through an interpreter, what he said his generation had experienced.

Kovac said that when he was 11 or 12 years old, Jewish families were "taken away" from his village. "I know about our attitude," he said. "We were crying."

He then covered his face and wept.

"We were powerless," he said.

He added that the Slovak minister of culture, in co-operation with the Jewish community, should educate Slovak youth about the Holocaust.

"Unfortunately," he said, "during the years of communism, nobody discussed this."

Kovac's remarks came as a welcome surprise to the Jewish leaders at the meeting, who were visibly moved by his recollections.

Pavel Traubner, head of the Jewish community in the Slovak capital of Bratislava, who was present at the meeting, told the group he was pleased by Kovac's remarks.

"What the president said is very important for the Slovak Jewish community," Traubner said through an interpreter. "It may be the first time" that such sentiments were expressed by a public official "so openly, frankly and sincerely."

Traubner said that he wanted to "thank Mr. President for his reaction right now to his memories." He also pointed out that new textbooks in the Slovak Republic include information on the Holocaust.

During the World War II era, Slovakia was a Nazi protectorate and most of its Jewish community was deported to concentration camps.

The estimated number of Jews now living in the Slovak Republic is only 3,000 to 4,000, Jewish leaders said.

At the meeting, Kovac said he considered it "an honor and a duty to be here at the opening of the museum," and he apologized for the "transgressions" of his "ancestors" against Jews in World War II.

Warren Eisenberg, director of B'nai B'rith's International Council, said after the meeting that the week of Holocaust-related events probably "triggered horrible" memories for Kovac.

Each person experiences the museum in his or her own way, Eisenberg said, and Kovac had "had the experience of seeing Jews taken away."

Kovac's remarks were especially noteworthy in the context of a recent AJCommittee survey indicating that Slovaks are not especially eager to learn about the Holocaust.

Baker said that the survey on attitudes in the Slovak Republic, released in March, found that 38 percent of those polled wanted to put the memory of the Holocaust behind them, while 42 percent wanted to keep the memory of the Holocaust strong.

Kovac discussed the situation in his troubled country, along with the Slovak foreign minister, Josef Moravcik, and Traubner of the Jewish community.

The president said his country would "follow the road of strengthening its democratic institutions," and that it was undertaking economic reforms.

The Slovak Republic, he said, wants to "be anchored in Western European structures."

Kovac also said he was interested in visiting Israel in the near future.

HE NEVER FORGETS

Since the 1967 Six Day War, Simcha Holzberg (left) has been in the forefront of volunteers who help injured soldiers as well as families of soldiers who have been killed on active service. With him is Shimon Navan, a former officer in the Golani Brigade, who was severely disfigured when his jeep was hit by a petrol bomb.

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Ukraine Jews to link community

ODESSA, Ukraine (JTA) — Ukraine's Jewish community is seeking to unify its fragmented organizations, build new institutions for Jews that plan to remain in the region and help those members who wish to emigrate.

The Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of Ukraine, an umbrella group that seeks to unite the disparate Jewish community of Ukraine, met here to discuss its plans for the future.

Since its founding two years ago, the association has attempted to unify the large and divided Jewish community of Ukraine.

Over the past few years, while the Soviet Union crumbled, the Jewish community experienced tremendous amounts of activity after decades of being severely limited in scope by repressive Communist rule.

One of the consequences of this explosion of activity is a fragmentation of the community and an overlap of efforts.

For example, there are now over 60 Jewish organizations in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev alone, almost all of them founded in the past two years.

Thirty-two representatives from 17 cities in Ukraine attended the conference, which was held at Odessa's Jewish Community Center.

The speeches and discussions among the delegates underscored the two major issues affecting the Jewish community: first, continued emigration of Jews to Israel and the West, and second, questions about the political and economic stability of the region.

Since 1988, thousands of Jews have left Ukraine for Israel, America and, in some cases, Germany. Though preparing those who want to leave still remains a high priority for the community, building institutions for those who remain is seen as equally important.

Despite the emigration, the Jewish population of Ukraine is estimated at over 500,000.

In Odessa, for instance, an estimated 50,000 Jews live among a general population of 1.5 million. Before World War II, there were more than 250,000 Jews living in this cosmopolitan city, comprising over one-third of its population.

A major result of the emigration to Israel and the West has been a dramatic change in the makeup of the community.

Since younger people have made up the bulk of those leaving, the population is rapidly aging, with an estimated 30 percent above the pension age of 60.

One of the decisions taken at the conference was to schedule seminars for teachers of Jewish subjects throughout the country. Over the past few years, dozens of Jewish schools, both full-time and afternoon, have been established in Ukraine.

The seminars are hoped to help teachers at Jewish schools and provide them with materials and textbooks, both in short supply.

Congress mission emotional experience

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Unlike many of the other 165 Canadians who returned recently from commemoration services in honor of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, Nathan Leipciger is a regular visitor to Poland.

But his other visits pale in comparison to the emotional impact stirred by the 50th anniversary commemorations of the Jewish revolt.

Adding to the impact of candlelight services and visits to the ghetto and the Treblinka death camp was a trip immediately afterwards to Israel. "We went from Poland, with its small number of Jews, to Israel, to a place of life, hope and rededication to Judaism and the Jewish people," he said.

Leipciger, chair of the Holocaust remembrance committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, said the Canadian survivors and their children joined thousands of other participants from around the world to mark the 50th anniversary of the ghetto uprising. While Israel accounted for the largest delegation, others came from as far as New Zealand, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, France, Belgium and the United States.

Canada's mission, which was sponsored by Congress, was the second largest, he said.

For many, the most emotional moment came during a visit to Treblinka one day before the Ghetto commemoration. Despite the fact that the Nazis left nothing standing at the death camp, it remains a powerful memorial, Leipciger said. Distributed throughout the camp's former grounds are 1,700 jagged boulders, each with a name of a community wiped out by the Nazis.

"You can see the vastness of the destruction," he said. "There were people who broke down at the stones of their village."

About 2,500 people took part in the commemoration at Treblinka, sponsored by the World Federation of Jewish Fighters, Partisans and Camp Inmates. Among them were 2,000 who came from Israel, including many young people.

"That gives you hope that the people who perished will not be forgotten by the next generation," Leipciger said.

The next day was devoted to commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto revolt itself, 50 years to the day after it began.

More than 5,000 people attended the services at a Warsaw square dedicated to the ghetto fighters, known as Rapaport Square.

Leipciger said he was moved by the sight of Israeli and Polish flags flanking the memorial, which highlighted the fact that the commemoration was jointly sponsored by the Polish and Israeli governments. A Polish guard of honor was present and wreaths were laid by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Polish President Lech Walesa, U.S. vice-president Al Gore and World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman.

A stirring moment occured when floodlights lit the memorial, street lights were turned off and candles appeared in apartment windows around the square, Leipciger said.

The ghetto commemoration serves as a reminder that, unlike the popular stereotype, Jews did not always go like sheep the the slaughter, Leipciger said.

The lightly-armed ghetto fighters held out against the Nazis longer than some countries. And there were other revolts in the death camp at Sobibor, in Bialystok and in other ghettoes as well, he added.

Leipciger had nothing but kind words for the Polish government's reception of the foreign visitors. In addition, the Canadians, some of whom walked the streets of Warsaw wearing kipas, experienced a feeling of acceptance from the Polish people, Leipciger said. There were, however, some incidents involving anti-Semitic epithets aimed at the visitors and a group of about a dozen skinheads tried to demonstrate prior to the ghetto commemoration. But police arrested them quickly and whisked them away.

"We felt that the general population is supporting the attitude of the Polish government, which is [trying] to establish a better relationship with Israel and with the Jews of the Diaspora and of Poland."

Leipciger said he was moved by Walesa, who said, " 'Your loss is our loss'. This shows that the Poles recognize the contributions that Jews made during 1,000 years of living together," Leipciger said.

An elderly Canadian survivor buries his face in his hands as he weeps against a symbolic tombstone in the Treblinka concentration camp. He was one of 165 Canadians who travelled to Poland to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. [RNS photo]

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The News in Brief

CZF national convention

Rabbi Erwin Schild, newly appointed convention chair, has announced that the Canadian Zionist Federation will be holding its national convention at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto on November 7 and 8.

The theme of the convention will be Zionism in the 1990s. Separate meetings will be held concurrently dealing with formal and informal Zionist education in Canada.

Delegates are expected to attend from coast to coast, among them a large contingent of youth. In preparation for the convention, committees have been established to deal with nominations, constitution, programming and resolutions.

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Syria again on terrorism list

JERUSALEM — The State Department has again classified Syria as a state sponsor of terrorism.

The department's annual report on global terrorism last year charges Syria with providing "support and safe haven" to Palestinian and other groups engaged in international terrorism.

The other countries on the list are Libya, Iran, Iraq, Cuba and North Korea.

The report notes that 1992 represented one of the largest one-year drops in worldwide terrorist attacks over the last 25 years, with 361 incidents compared to 567 the previous year.

Ten Palestinian groups are among the 41 terrorist groups profiled in the report.

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Couple survive attack

JERUSALEM — An Arab gunman attacked a Jewish couple here in one of the few such violent incidents since the government banned Palestinians from the territories from entering Israel proper a month ago.

Sheftel Vinokurov, 49, was shot in the shoulder while he and his wife, Alvira, were out taking an evening walk with their dog.

Vinokurov, who emigrated from Leningrad in 1977, said he normally takes his gun with him on such walks but neglected to do so this time.

After the assailant shot Vinokurov, he pointed the gun at the woman, but Vinokurov lunged toward the attacker and released his bull terrior.

The attacker fired the gun, but missed the woman and fled.

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New draft laws planned

JERUSALEM — The army will not draft male immigrants over the age of 25 according to a plan being prepared by the IDF Manpower Branch.

The plan, which still needs the approval of the Chief of General Staff, was ordered as part of a larger IDF move to cut defence expenses by not drafting those considered less vital to combat units.

The plan will allow those new immigrants so inclined to volunteer for a short basic training period. New olim with special qualifications will be drafted according to the yet unapproved plan and will be paid according to their expertise.

Another plan being reviewed in the Personnel Branch is to cancel the categorizing of youths who have left the country for more than eight years as deserters.

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Embarrassing errors

BERLIN — A plaque in memory of the former chairman of the Jewish community in Berlin, Heinrich Stahl, was unveiled here, but the ceremony was overshadowed by two embarrassments, namely, the plaque was placed on the wrong house and a date in the inscription was false.

To mark Stahl's 125th birthday, a plaque was supposed to be placed on the house where he was born, 41 Alt Rudow St. But the owner of the house objected to the plaque if it revealed that Stahl was a Jew, fearing it would lead to anti-Semitic attacks.

As a compromise, the plaque was placed next door on house No. 43.

When the blue and white porcelain plaque was unveiled, so was another embarrassment. The inscription read, "In this house was born Heinrich Stahl, chairman of the Jewish community in Berlin between 1933 and 1942."

However, Stahl resigned as chairman in 1940 because he did not want to be suspected of collaboration with the Nazis.

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Libyan leader softening?

NEW YORK — Will Muammar Khadafi's Libya host a historical reconciliation between Muslims, Jews and Christians?

This unlikely idea is being promoted by Raffaello Fellah, president of the World Association of Jews from Libya and an Italian citizen.

In February, Fellah traveled to Libya at Khadafi's invitation. The Libyan ruler told Fellah of his intention to take a number of steps that would constitute a reconciliation with the 100,000 Jews whose families left Libya, as well as de facto, limited recognition of Israel.

These measures would include compensation for the property of former Libyan Jews, and full permission for them to visit Libya.

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More deportees return

JERUSALEM — Crowds of jubilant Arabs in the territories last week welcomed home a second group of Palestinians deported from Israel years ago.

Thousands of well-wishers, many waving Palestine Liberation Organization flags, chanted nationalist songs and danced with the returnees on their shoulders.

Israel has agreed to allow back a total of 30 Palestinians deported between 1967 and 1987 as a confidence-building measure with the Palestinians, who returned to the Middle East peace talks in Washington.

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Chassidim suit stands

NEW YORK — A federal judge has refused to dismiss a suit against New York Mayor David Dinkins and former city Police Commissioner Lee Brown alleging that they conspired to allow blacks to "vent their rage" against Jews during four days of rioting in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn in August 1991.

In asking for a dismissal of the complaint, the city submitted affidavits from senior police officials who insisted that no one tied their hands or prevented them from curbing the violence.

Attorney Franklin Snitow, pointed out that neither Dinkins nor Brown "submitted affidavits to deny or explain the charges against them."

Snitow represents chassidic residents of Crown Heights who were victims of the racial violence and the estate of Yankel Rosenbaum, a 29-year-old Lubavitch scholar visiting from Australia who was stabbed to death during the first hours of the riot.

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Alcoholism high among olim

TEL AVIV — One-third of alcoholics receiving treatment in Israel are recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union, according to a study by the Society for Alcoholism in Israel.

Many of these immigrants are afraid to seek treatment, because people who admitted to alcoholism in the former Soviet Union would lose their job and driver's licence, said Dr. Shoshane Weiss of the Alcoholism Prevention Society.

Experts said that alcoholism in the former Soviet Union is endemic to society and that government there is apparently unable to cope with the problem.

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PLO rep. given citizenship

PARIS — A controversy has erupted here over the granting of French citizenship to the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative to France.

Jean-Pierre Pierre-Bloch, a member of the French Parliament, said he was "scandalized to learn" that "a leading representative of a terrorist organization, the PLO, namely Tbrahim Souss, was granted French citizenship."

Souss, 50, a Palestinian Christian born in Jerusalem, has spent the past 25 years in France. He became the "delegate general of Palestine in France" in 1978 following the assassination of his predecessor, Ezzedin Kallak, by gunmen belonging to Abu Nidal's terrorist organization.

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Rabbi's outburst causes stir

BUDAPEST — The leadership of the Jewish community here has approved a proposal to abolish the post of Hungarian chief rabbi in an effort to settle a controversy caused by remarks made by the incumbent, Gyorgy Landesman.

Landesman caused an uproar when he was quoted in a government newspaper as saying that "without Jewish contribution to Hungarian culture, that culture had nothing but peasant's trousers and apricot whiskey."

Immediately afterward, Prime Minister Jozsef Antall warned that the "comments of Rabbi Landesman could cause the outbreak of anti-Semitism in Hungary."

Front Line

French cities provide glimpse into Jewish history

By ARNOLD AGES

Chartres and Troyes are two of France's major tourist attractions and they do indeed provide absorbing vistas of the country's remarkable architectural and religious splendor from the Middle Ages.

They also furnish some fascinating if somewhat disquieting resonances for those who experience those cities, as I did, during a recent research trip to France, through the prism of Jewish history.

Chartres is the city which houses, after Paris' Notre Dame, probably the most impressive cathedral in a country where cathedrals abound. The 12th and 13th century architecture is, in its monumentality and grace, a stone and glass hymn of devotion and honor to the religious impulses which dictated its deisgn and construction.

And yet those impulses carry, in part, a disturbing message about Christian triumphalism over Judaism, a message which seems all the more out of place in this age of ecumenism. The teaching of contempt for Judaism, as a faith which had been superseded by Christianity, is writ large in the cathedral's complex of stain glass windows.

The magnificent panels, still brilliantly luminescent after eight centuries, convey pictorially, in a quite unsubtle fashion, the superiority of the New Testament over the "Old," and the replacement of the "inadequate" Jewish covenant by the Christian.

Of course, those who commissioned, designed and executed the marvellous statuaries and stained glass windows of Chartres were probably not consciously aware that they were denigrating the Hebrew Bible and Judaism; they were merely retelling, in exquisite artistic form, a dogma of the Church. The medieval mind was not interested in public relations or sensitive to the feelings of the tiny Jewish communities that lived in the area around Chartres.

There is some considerable irony to this, however, because, a trip to another French city, also an hour and a half from Paris by car, shows that the triumphalism of Chartres tends to recede into the background as the loom of Rashi, Judaism's greatest popular Bible commentator, asserts itself in the city of Troyes.

Arnold Ages

Troyes, once a centre for wine-making in France, has been superseded in recent years by other wine-producing regions in the country and now specializes in light manufacturing. In Troyes, during roughly the same period when masons were working on the Chartres cathedral, Rashi was building his monument to God and Torah in finely chiselled Hebrew words (with an admixture of Old French) whose insights have enlightened students of the Hebrew Bible for eight centuries.

Happily, the city fathers of Troyes have recognized the importance of Rashi to their city and tourist brochures available in the tourist office near the railway station carry information about Rashi and the monument which was recently erected in his honor.

In 1990, before a large group of local dignitaries, and visitors, including the Nobel laureate, Elie Wiesel and Gerard Nahon, professor of Jewish history at the prestigious Ecole des Hautes Etudes, a striking monument, designed by one of France's most famous sculptors, was unveiled.

The Rashi monument, situated in front of Troyes' major theatre (which is presumably near the site of the ancient cemetery where Rashi was laid to rest) bears inscriptions in French and in Hebrew — predictably enough in the Rashi script — describing his name and role as a great exegete. At night there is a laser beam which points the way from Troyes to Jerusalem.

Troyes has also become a Jewish research and study centre with the creation recently of the Institut Universitaire Rashi, a university level facility located in a modern structure across the street from Troyes' small but ornate synagogue.

The Institut offers university credits in a wide range of courses such as: Hebrew language, Rashi's Bible commentary, Jewish philosophy, Rashi and His Cultural Environment, and, Jews and Christians in Chamnpagne. The Institut also has a kosher kitchen which is used for the many organized excursions which bring people from Paris to see Rashi's Troyes.

The Institut works closely with Israel and is in the process of doubling its library resources, thanks to book dealers and libraries in Israel. This summer the Institut is offering a number of courses in Israel itself. The various programs on Jewish themes offered by the Rashi Institute are having an effect on Troyes and the environs. Non- Jewish students from Chaource and other small villages in the area have taken courses there.

On one of the winding streets and alleyways of the old town of Troyes is a small church with a sign that informs the public that a synagogue once stood on the site. Was this the synagogue where Rashi, the rabbi of the community, officiated, preached and taught? One wonders where this remarkable man who made a living making wine, found the time to write a commentary on the Torah and most of the Talmud and still find time for pastoral rabbinic duties.

Rashi's Troyes has no cathedral to remind us of his greatness. It has a simple orb-like statue. But I think the symbolism of the orb is significant. It reminds us all that the process of studying Torah begins but does not end: there is a continuum in the process which revitalizes itself without end as well.

Staunch kibbutzniks come face-to-face with reality

By CARL ALPERT

Nowhere is the ideological crisis that has overtaken Israel's kibbutz movement more striking than in the kibbutzim which are associated with Hashomer Hatzair. That organization has always been regarded as a prime example of firm ideological loyalty based on a monolithic approach to economic, social and political issues. Much of that has crumbled in all three areas, and the members of Hashomer Hatzair kibbutzim have found it necessary to face up to what they confess is "reality".

A talk session with a group of members of Kibbutz Yasur, located in the Western Galilee, provided a clear picture of the wrenching compromises they have been called upon to make. First of all, Yasur is a moderate sized unit with 200 members and a total population of 375, of whom 100 are children. It was founded in 1949 with members from Great Britain and Hungary, and later reinforcements from Brazil and Israel. Originally based on agriculture alone, it changed with the times, like most kibbutzim, and industry now accounts for about 45 percent of its economy.

Changes were not made without considerable soul-searching. The issue of whether children should sleep with their families or in the central children's home almost created an ideological civil war, but three years ago Yasur voted in favor of sleep with the family, a measure that most other kibbutzim in the country had adopted years ago.

Yes, there have been many changes, we were told by Yisrael Ellman, one of the original 1949 founders, but organically the community, rather than the individual, is in control, and there is joint ownership of the economy. But there are obvious inequalities, it was pointed out, and he hastened to explain. These stem from individual violations, and not from any systematic digression from the basic philosophy of equality.

What are some of the other changes? In politics Hashomer Hatzair has always been an exponent of left wing Zionism, even to the left of Mapai Labor Zionism. In the last national election Yasur gave 81 percent of its votes to Meretz, of which Hashomer Hatzair is a component, but this was in contrast to the old days when 100 percent support of the party line was required. Indeed, this time there were even four votes for Tsomet, the extreme right wing party, and we were told that there was hardly a kibbutz in the country which did not have at least one vote for Tsomet.

How do they explain this relaxation of the demand for political uniformity? The members shrugged. They are reconciled to the fact that these are the '90s, and not the '30s. Times are different.

In the old days the members were afforded opportunity to read only one daily paper, *Al Hamishmar*, their official organ. Today, members request, and the kibbutz subscribes to many other papers, no matter what their political line. The blinkers have been removed.

"The mentality of an avant garde society used to prevail in the kibbutz," said Dov Darom, a teacher. "We considered ourselves an outpost of changes that would ultimately affect all of society. Today the member thinks not in terms of effecting social change, but in terms of his own home. Many members are no longer prepared to sacrifice their personal comfort for a 'mission' ".

Like all other kibbutzim Yasur has suffered because about half its children leave when they grow up, a percentage that seems to be uniform in kibbutzim of all movements. How does the kibbutz react? It's reality. Said one: "Its a personal decision, and not a weakness of the ideology."

On the other hand, Amiram Efrati, newly elected secretary general of Hashomer Hatzair nationally, was quoted as commenting that even in the outside society children grow up and leave home. The kibbutz should be pleased that it's only 50 percent.

Another ironclad rule of Hashomer ideology that has crumbled in the face of "reality" is the law that all work must be performed by the members, because hiring of outside labor is equivalent to exploitation. Yet, like their colleagues at other settlements, Yasur finds it necessary to engage outside hands, even Arab labor. Explained another member: The ban on hired labor is still maintained as principle, but not observed in practice.

Another heresy is the decision that the purpose of a factory operated by the kibbutz is to make a profit, not just to provide work. If the plant is to compete in the capitalistic jungle outside, it must be run on economic rather than on ideological principle.

One of the latest debates in the kibbutz was on education. The axiom that children must be educated for life on the kibbutz in order to preserve its uniqueness, has now given way to adoption of a curriculum which does not restrict their opportunities for higher education and the outside world.

Holocaust museum a move to human liberation

By IRVING GREENBERG

The opening of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum on the Mall in Washington illuminates the transformed relationship between Jewry and the nations of the world in this new era of Jewish history.

For the Torah (i.e., the Five Books of Moses), the Jewish mission is inseparable from humanity. To tell the story of the Jewish people, the Torah starts from the beginning of life, indeed from the beginning of creation.

Isaiah addresses prophecies to Babylon, Moab, Damascus and Egypt (Chapters 13-19) as much as to Israel. Various prophets predict that the Holy Temple will be a house of prayer and unity for all people, the spiritual capstone of worldwide redemption.

Over the two millennial course of Jewish exile, the focus of Jewish concern narrowed. Jews emotionally and spiritually hunkered down to survive with dignity in the face of oppression, pariah status and the ever-present threat of violence and expulsion.

The gentiles faded into the background; their spiritual life and moral conditions became a marginal concern. The political and economic facts of Jewish history were also of secondary importance.

All this made it pointless to share the lessons of Jewish history with gentiles; the alien Others were not interested in listening anyway.

Modernity brought the universal concerns of Judaism front and centre. The gentile culture became so important and even determinative that Judaism was often recast in universal terms — even to the point of censoring Jewish particular concerns. The unfortunate consequences was that universalism was all too often a stepping stone to assimilation.

The impact of the Holocaust and the rebirth of Israel ushered in a new era. The destruction and the redemption alike made clear that gentiles' attitude and behavior toward Jews could spell catastrophe or survival.

The perpetrators and the bystanders determined Jewish fate in the Holocaust. The Jewish assumption of power in Israel shifted the balance of power but Israel and Diaspora Jews alike saw the critical need to win support from the nations of the world.

Slowly, but steadily a new, more independent attitude is emerging. First, Jews learned the lessons of the Shoah: The capacity of hatred to metastasize, the danger implicit in the availability of tremendous power for aggressive use, the deadly effect of ethical indifference and bystanding, the need for power for potential victims.

But in a shrunken world, the indivisibility of fate became clear. Jews concluded that the world must learn the lessons or risk a repetition.

Thanks to the Jewish assumption of power, the initial (partial) repetitions have been against Cambodians and Bosnians.

Still, the danger looms over everyone. Therefore, every representative of a foreign state is taken to Yad Vashem when visiting Israel.

This same conclusion lay behind the decision to create the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum when President Carter invited the establishment of an appropriate Holocaust memorial in the nation's capital.

Overriding the fear of some Jews that Jews should not be too visible, especially on the national sacred ground, the Mall in Washington; and rejecting the claim that the Holocaust was an event in Jewish history which transpired 7,000 miles from American shores, the president's commission concluded that America's own moral and physical survival depended on learning the lessons of the Shoah.

America's naivete and underestimation of the force of evil should be corrected by confrontation with the power of the Kingdom of Night. America's tendency to isolation and moral complacency needed to be transformed by empathetic encounter with the life and fate of the victims of the Holocaust. The conscience of the public would be galvanized by this vivid retelling.

To accomplish these redemptive goals, the commission felt it was worth the risks — such as possible failure to tell an impossible story adequately, possible distortion of the Jewish message of choosing life into a glorification of death and possible backlash.

The subtlest, perhaps the greatest risk the creators took, was inclusion of the non-Jewish victims of the Nazis as well as placing control of the museum in the hands of the United States government.

This could lead to a dilution or denial of the uniqueness of Jewish fate. This danger will be ever present; it is important that self-affirming Jews and morally open, culturally pluralist gentiles be active in management and policy setting for the museum.

But an initial viewing of the museum makes clear that the perceived dangers have been brilliantly handled. The centrality and particularity of Jewish fate is shatteringly clear even as the suffering and tragedies of others are movingly told.

Juxtaposition deepens the total impact of each component. I also believe that the balance of life and death has been appropriately struck (although the Shoah does represent a victory for death which cannot be evaded).

Whenever Jews have shared their historical experience and lessons with humanity, the world has been transformed. The Exodus, shared, is the cornerstone of Christianity. The covenant and the law, rabbinically interpreted after the destruction, powerfully shaped Islam.

Both daughter faiths have brought morality and hope to billions.

Western culture also has been uplifted by the Jewish redemptive vision of history. Contemporary Jews dare hope that sharing our most tragic historical existence and its lessons with America will again lead to human liberation and moral transformation.

In this generation, death's relentless assault on Jewry has been turned into a goad to renew and re-establish the sacredness of life — starting with a remarkable renewal of the Jewish teaching mission.

It is a tribute to the nobility and ethical yearning of the American people that they have invited this education. The total degradation of Jews, made possible by their catastrophic abandonment by fellow humans, is being turned by the alchemy of human caring, into loving memory of the fallen and a source of determination to save others.

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The Hamas way

By and large, the Western press has ignored the grisly activities of the various death squads of young Palestinians who rove the West Bank, Gaza, and at times even within the Green Line, perpetrating hideous violence upon their victims, men and women, Arab and Jew. Western media have tended, instead, to focus on Israeli efforts to stanch the violence. The most notable example of this was the incessant, image-laden coverage of the 415 Hamas members and supporters deported by Israel to south Lebanon in December.

But recently, readers of *The New York Times* and of the May issue of *Harper's Magazine* were able to read a transcription of a small portion of a four-hour recruitment video aimed at young Palestinians intent on joining the death squards belonging to Hamas. Although sanitized to the point of surrealism, and dealing only with the subject of killing "collaborators," the transcript provided a rare glimpse into the macabre, self-justifying, deceitful world of the Hamas executioners.

"If, like many collaborators, he has been recruited as an agent of the Israel Border Guard...then it is imperative that he be executed at once...When we execute a collaborator in public, we use a gun, but after we abduct and interrogate a collaborator, we can't shoot him — to do so might give away our location. That's why collaborators are strangled. Sometimes we ask the collaborator, 'What do you think? How should we execute you?' " One collaborator told us, 'Strangle me.' He hated the sight of blood."

The transcribed voice on the videotape belongs to a young man, not yet 30, married and the father of two. He was born, raised and educated in Gaza. Presumably, most of the "collaborators" he has killed were fellow Gazans.

The squads refer to their victims as "collaborators"; but as Steven Emerson, a journalist and Middle East expert, has pointed out, "most of them are executed because of political, religious, and personal rivalries or because of suspected drug dealing or prostitution."

Last year, the death squads murdered more than 200 of their own. In 1991 they killed 187. Since the start of the intifada, more than 800 Palestinians have been killed by other Palestinians. And this year, like the preceding years, the killing continues.

In this brutal, targeted slaughter waged by the young Hamas loyalist against the Jews of Israel and against his own people — so eerily conveyed by the cold, cavalier, detachment of his words — lies the real context for the progress actually being made at the negotiating table in Washington between Israelis and Palestinians.

Muslim contacts sought

While the State of Israel is currently engaged, through the Washington peace talks, in trying to seek a modus vivendi with the Arab Muslim peoples who have warred against her for more than a half century, Jerusalem is showing a resourcefulness and daring in trying to effect a rapprochement with other Muslim peoples outside the Mideast.

While Israel has always maintained good diplomatic relations with Muslim Turkey, it has now embarked on an imaginative project to build good friendships in the Muslim Central Asian republics that were once a part of the Soviet Union. Representatives of those governments, says *The New York Times* (May 2) are actively courting Israeli diplomats and business executives in order to enlist their assistance.

Despite decades of anti-Israel propaganda circulated by Arab-Muslim foes of the Jewish State, the Muslim inhabitants of the former Soviet Union — in Kazahkstan and Uzbekistan in particular — are eagerly looking to Israel for help in agricultural and water resource management. Israeli assistance, already responsible for crop improvements in both of these republics, is deeply appreciated by the governments in question.

The facts that the Muslim republics of the former Soviet Union are turning to Israel and western nations for help is an instructive message about the unpredictability and quirkiness of the political scene and a powerful symbol of the intrusion of common sense in one area of the world.

The rapprochement between Israel and those Muslim republics is all the more remarkable given the sustained effort by Iran and some of the more radical Muslim regimes in the Middle East to infiltrate those societies with money and ideological fare.

In all this activity there are, of course, risks for Israel. There is the danger that the Muslim republics may in the future acquire governments that push a more fundamentalist and hostile version of Islam a la Iran. Yet Israel is willing to take that risk and plunge through the window of opportunity.

Both Israel and the Muslim republics of Asia will gain enormously from the current relationships. It is to be hoped that they will become the model for Israel's future compact with all Muslim nations.

BEING PREPARED

This billboard in Ramat Gan was taken out by a private company selling firearms and providing small-arms instruction. The billboard, showing an Arab wielding a dagger, with the words "Come to the firing range so that you are ready," reflects a new readiness among Israelis to protect themselves against possible Arab attacks. Applications for firearm licences have increased markedly over the past few months. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

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JUST A MIRAGE

I really enjoy reading Yeshayahu Anug's columns. His solid, sober analysis helps light the way through Byzantine Israeli and Mideastern politics.

However, I must confess, that for a moment he had me flummoxed. When reading about Israel's agenda (*CJN*, April 8), I noted, "This country is still searching for its specific identity while the process of nation-building must coexist with the threat represented by its enemies and by its precarious geography . . ."

For a moment there, I thought he was writing about Canada.

Marvin Fremes
Toronto

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AN INVITATION

In response to the article on women role models, Pesach and the seder (Women helped shape Exodus tale by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, *CJN*, April 8) we would like, at least through this letter, to invite the author into our marriage and our home.

This is our invitation:

We are Chassidic Jews who've been married for 22 years. Decisions in our relationship, as in all partnerships, are reached, of course, together. Because we are also friends, we strive to support each other in our separate areas of growth as well. Through discussions with more senior members of our community, it's clear this has always been the pattern. And because we are a unique partnership, a Jewish marriage, we work together to build a home and family and serve the community according to the Code of Jewish Law, as G-d instructs us.

The women you understandably spoke so admiringly of (Miriam, Yocheved, etc.) are those we regard as our role models too. In fact, any school girl would proudly and ably speak about them and the essential role they played in our history. Their lives form part of the bedrock of our curriculum. Female role models, however, don't cease with the Bible. Many women manage community organizations that feed the hungry, visit the sick, educate through speakers' bureaus, prepare workshops for school children, reach out to women outside our own communities, run businesses and even bury the dead. Many men, rabbanim and business people, clean and cook for Pesach, though no one "worries about the fish at the seder, from the kitchen."

Had you been at our seder table last month, you would have seen tall shining candles and smiling, though tired faces, sitting around a table piled with seforim (holy books). Both we and our daughters took turns exchanging words of Torah and Chassidic discourses we had all prepared for the seder, which went on animatedly well into the night.

Had you joined us we trust your fears about the position of Jewish women, during Pesach or any other time, would have been dispelled and perhaps you would even have glowed inside, as we all did.

Just as G-d redeemed us from Egypt, may he grant us our final redemption. Then we can experience the true liberation of women, men and children.

May we see each other "Next Year in Jerusalem."

Chana and Tzvi Morantz
Montreal

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OUT OF WOODWORK

The article on Konstanty Gebert (*CJN*, April 15) contains the phrase: "Jews have been coming out of the woodwork."

This is profoundly insulting. It is obvious that the author of the article is unaware of the meaning of the idiom he is using. Let me quote from Dr. R. L. Chapman's *American Slang* (p.87): "crawl (or come) out of the woodwork. To appear, materialize, interfere, etc., as or like something very loathsome: weirdos who just crawled out of the woodwork."

The same article contains the phrase the Vatican's Nostre Aetate, which absolved Jews for the crucifixion. The correct Latin term is Nostra Aetate.

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GAYS SUPPORTED

I am writing to express my support and enthusiasm for the Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students, a committee of the Jewish Student Federation at York University.

As a feminist, I can relate to the sense of alienation experienced by Jewish gays, lesbians and bisexuals from a religion that is not always egalitarian in its theories and practices. Clearly, there is a need for a group such as this one that provides a niche for Jews who might otherwise choose to abandon the religion altogether.

I appreciate the efforts of some of our religious leaders to recognize the equality of women and look forward to a growing acceptance of homosexuals as equal participants in the Jewish faith. It must surely be realized that to officially limit women and homosexuals in Jewish practice is to deprive our religion of the passion and dedication of many dynamic and invaluable people.

Vanessa Melman
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SERVICES FOR GAYS

I was elated to read that finally a Jewish student organization is providing services for gays. It was a great personal concern of mine that part of our Jewish youth are being repeatedly ostracized.

In bringing up our Jewish children we invest a great deal of time, effort, education and money in their well being and value system.

Are we going to write off our greatest investment in the future of our people because of sexual orientation?

S. Horowitz
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JEWS IN ARUBA

I read with interest Jack Kohane's article (*CJN*, April 8). I agree with most he had to say about his visit to Aruba. But I am rather puzzled by his reference to not knowing where its Israelis are.

When I was in Aruba in 1988 I found a modern synagogue there of which I took a number of photographs. As my ship was leaving before Friday night services I could not see the interior. I was told that there were about 40 Jewish families living in Aruba.

It is hard to believe that they should have all moved and abandoned the synagogue since 1988.

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Opinion

Canada has rich history of multiculturalism

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A lot of people talk about multiculturalism these days, but what the term and concept mean in the Canadian reality is often misunderstood. That's not really surprising, for the policy based on it is relatively new. I don't know how many other countries have a similar policy and program and even a special ministry like ours; I suspect very few have, if any at all.

In 1986, Parliament passed the *Canadian Multiculturalism Act*, which declared it to be the policy of Canada:

> to recognize and promote the understanding that multiculturalism reflects the cultural and racial diversity of Canadian society and acknowledges the freedom of all members of Canadian society to preserve, enhance and share their cultural heritage.

The Act goes on to say that multiculturalism is considered a fundamental characteristic of the Canadian heritage and identity, and that it aims to promote the full and equitable participation of individuals and communities of diverse origins.

Note that, even though the word multiculturalism itself refers only to *culture*, the law exends its meaning to the diversity of *races* as well. It thus acknowledges not only two founding European nations and their languages (English and French), it also refers to the fact that we are, as a matter of course and right, people from different continents, cherishing precious traditions. Herein lies the special quality of the legislation, and this is the real heart of the developing controversy.

Rabbi Plaut

I listen carefully when there is talk about the nature of Canada and where we are going as a nation. To be sure, there is general agreement that the Aboriginal people have the right to preserve their cultures, but the discussants are not sure that this privilege ought to be exended to "newcomers" as well. (By newcomers they usually mean those who came later than they or their parents did.) They believe that multiculturalism inhibits patriotism, and that encouraging immigrants to revere their own traditions makes them strangers to Canadian ways. As immigration from Third World countries increases, the criticism of the policy of multiculturalism increases as well.

These observations call for critical comment. I remember when I first came to Canada from the United States. It was 1961, and multiculturalism was not as yet on the official agenda of Canada. But even so, the level of patriotism in the land was very low, and this was especially apparent to the newcomer from the States, where patriotism and even chauvinism were part of the landscape.

The reason for this lay clearly in the genesis of the Canadian nation. Aside from what the Native peoples had contributed, Canada was fashioned from two distinct cultures with their two different languages, and this difference became enshrined in law and tradition. The States, however, had a policy of the "melting pot", joining diverse backgrounds into one single amalgam, characterized by the image of Uncle Sam and the all-American boy and girl. There was "Americanism" south of the border, but no parallel concept of "Canadianism" here.

Which is to say that multiculturalism came into existence when Canada was founded. To be sure, the 1986 Act ensconced the concept in law and broadened it considerably. But Canada, by its very nature, is a land that encourages Aboriginal as well as all other cultural traditions. In fact, that precisely is Canada's distinction and uniqueness.

There are people who are unhappy with this. They'd like "the olden days" back, whatever that means. The days of "None is too many", when Jews and other minorities were considered too foreign to be part of the nation? Or is it that we don't like so may Pakistanis, Africans, Orientals and other people of color to crowd our subways and work places?

I suspect, and have said it before, that the main objection to multiculturalism lies not so much in its concept as in xenophobia mixed with racism. If you don't know what I mean, let me spell it out for you: For a good many of the longtime residents of the country there are simply too may black and brown people around. They crowd the immigration offices and they are said to change the character of the nation.

Of course they do and have already done so, and I think for the better. They make it possible for us to be a nation worthy of universal admiration, for we can accomplish here what elsewhere becomes a cause for internecine strife. In Canada, our ethnic background may matter in private clubs, but in law it doesn't. Our practice hasn't quite caught up with the law, but that too will come in time.

Some people think that, by holding on to their traditions and languages, these newcomers will not integrate into Canadian ways. I see no sign of that. By valuing old traditions we make people feel at home in Canada.

In fact, perhaps more than the native-born the newcomers truly appreciate the openness of the nation, and for that very reason show it fierce loyalty. And rest assured that their children will follow suit.

In a 1991 survey, 95 percent of Canadians said they believed that one can be proud to be a Canadian and be proud of one's ancestry as well. Almost as many also stated that more should be done to make Canadians appreciate their common values. I agree.

We show the world that it is possible for people to dwell together in peace. Be proud of that and stand up for multiculturalism.

Israel's no picnic, but it's a great place to live

By TOM O'DWYER

(In the past four years, Thomas O'Dwyer, the Jerusalem Post's Irish-born foreign editor, has been shaken by Scuds, unemployed, broke and told to "marry, convert or leave." But he's still smiling, and he's still here.)

There is something intriguing about being a little older than a country. It's been an eventful 45 years, Israel. We're very different, you and I, but here we are, side by side - a bit battered, a bit of the youthful idealism scattered along the way, a bit unsure of the future.

That's to be expected, but there is one thing that does intrigue me sometimes: I know what you're doing here, Israel - but what am I doing here?

"Israel?" they ask, those out there - abroad. "Israel? Why are you living in Israel? You're not Jewish are you?"

It's funny that, the second part of the question about not being Jewish. From non-Jews it sometimes sounds like "you don't have AIDS do you?" From Jews it's more like "are you crazy?" Strangers often asked me why I lived in Cyprus, or Egypt, or Bahrain, or (especially) Lebanon. But they never added "You're not Greek Orthodox/Muslim, are you?"

Sometimes Israelis ask "why Israel?" and that's easier, because they don't really care, they're just checking for anti-Israeli moans. Shlomo, the van driver who schlepped my diminishing worldly goods on the most recent apartment move, was typical. Instantly recognizing non-Jewish-tourist Hebrew, he first beamed when I recognized his Turkish accent.

He simply asked "How long have you been here?" When I said four years, he beamed again.

"So you like Israel then? It's a very hard country, especially for people like you, but it's the best place in the world. I loved Istanbul, but this is my country. I am very happy you love Israel."

I hadn't said a word! I didn't need too. He didn't give a damn "why," and why should he - all he cared was whether this goy was here to sneer or to accept.

Now don't run away with the idea this is some sycophantic piece on lovely Israel full of "cutie Shlomos I have met," written with a fawning eye on the woman up there who signs my work permit. The editor who commissioned the article said: "I'm curious about why someone like yourself comes and stays with us when we can't persuade American Jews to do so."

Well I can tell you why it's so hard to persuade American Jews to come here - because it's no picnic here for anybody, Jew or goy, and Americans already live in Picnicland.

Sadly, they forget old Philo of Alexandria - if they ever heard of him. "If a man loses his eyesight, will the keen sight of his ancestors help him?" Or if they want to grow old in Picnicland, maybe Groucho Marx is better: "Anyone can grow old. All you have to do is live long enough." Living with young Israel is a different kettle of gefilte fish.

Anyway, my case is no real example, because much of it is just because I was born a romantic, eccentric, bloody-minded gypsy Celt.

One pertinent part is that I felt I owed Israel a little of my time. Patronizing? I hope not. I have now spent a large part of my life in the Levant and the Middle East and it struck me early on that Israel was getting a raw deal. Forget the big stuff - raw anti-Semitism, professional Arab propaganda - I'd seen similar stuff between Greeks and Turks. But each of them, and of course we foreign correspondents, accepted that we had to mix fearlessly with both.

But Arabs and Israel? In Nicosia, journalists wandered in and out of Arab embassies and receptions as freely as we did with the Greeks and Turks - no one was ever labeled "pro-Arab/Turk/Greek." But at the first Yom Ha'atzmaut reception I attended with the Israelis, fellow correspondents were as plentiful as needles in a haybarn. One of the few asked me if I was "pro-Israeli."

"Why this attitude?" I asked the embassy spokesman. He looked surprised. "It's always like this."

Well, I had already worked some in Cairo and was soon off to Beirut, so one Thursday in summer 1983, I took the 40-minute flight from Larnaca for a look at Israel. That trip was the first time I realized what ignorance is - all my own.

Seventeen years earlier, I had been a young officer on a British Air Force bomber squadron. Boy, did we love the Israelis, especially after that new tactical maneuver of engaging enemy aircraft while they are still on the ground. Cute! Pictures of long-haired Israeli soldiers pouring across the Sinai filled 83 Squadron's walls in Lincoln, adorned with graffiti directed against our own hidebound senior officers. "You don't need short hair to win a war." (This was the sixties.) And beside a portrait of Moshe Dayan: "You don't even need two eyes, just a brain that works."

Before I came to Israel, I still had that vague air-force image of a classy European-style state transplanted to the Middle East - slick, efficient, organized, clean, invincible.

Then I saw Tel Aviv. I had picked a three-star hotel at random from a hotel guide. Three-star on south HaYarkon Street. The shower was a pipe, the room a scruffy cell, the restaurant a greasy spoon. I could see even the three stars through a hole in the wall beside the shower pipe. And the city! The central bus station! Swiss? Somehow, I had ended up in the Middle East again.

That was the dawning of the great light. Of course - Israel was a Middle Eastern country, it really was. It was a shambles, the economy was a shambles, the men (though not the cheeky women) dressed like a shambles, the city was a shambles, the government was a shambles. Far from being disgusted, my awe increased. These Jews; they come here, create a Levantine state, grow flowers and tomatoes in the sand, and then beat the daylights out of every other Middle East state that hates them for being Middle Eastern, only better. Well I'm blowed! A free-wheeling, democratic, shambolic, multi-ethnic, unbeatable, Hebrew-speaking, Middle Eastern soldier-farmer state - and without oil.

Jerusalem modified that a little, but not much. It modified me more. Yad Vashem. A dark scream from the bowels of a hell far deeper and more agonizing than fiery Irish preachers had ever drummed up to frighten us sinful little boys.

No longer a believing Christian, I still had to visit those other sites drummed into my childhood in rural Ireland - the Holy Land bit.

I had rarely seen overt anti-Semitism, but of course understood the Catholic "Christ-killer" slur that spawned it and led all the way to Yad Vashem. But while musing in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre after Yad Vashem, I worked out the antidote, should I ever need it. Funny, I thought later, I hadn't noticed before, but it had always been in my copy of James Joyce's *Ulysses*, in the mouth of Leopold Bloom. Jesus was a Jew - born a Jew of a Jewish mother in Judea, circumcised a Jew, lived a Jewish life (a rebellious, messianic one -but that's Jewish too), and his last meal before the Romans killed him was a Pesach seder. I watched Greek Orthodox women pilgrims smear themselves with oil from the "slab on which his body was laid." The guide explained the slab had been quarried on a Greek island in the 1820s. In Jerusalem I turned my back on the last vestiges of superstition forever. It was a tentative first step to visit the Jewish people.

In October 1988, I arrived at last in Israel - now determined "to see the other side" - after two years in the Persian Gulf. I had at last seen overt anti-Semitism, not Christian, but Islamic, in the lands with no Jews. Pages torn from my *Newsweek* and *Herald Tribune* because they had articles on Israel, the *Book of World Flags* I was buying for my daughter until I saw the Israeli flag blacked out, enclyclopedias with articles on Jews and Judaism missing, Britons arrested and deported because of an Israeli stamp in their passports. All this in "moderate" states - Bahrain, Kuwait, Dubai, Abu Dhabi - that "respect all People of the Book."

I now knew better - I had spent my vacations in Israel where they obligingly gave me a slip of paper and left my passport "clean" for the Arabs. At last I came one-way only. "No slip," I told passport control, "stamp my passport."

I had saved a tidy pile of money in the Gulf, even after advancing my daughter her keep at university. "Pssst!" said an Israeli joker. "You want to know how to make a small pile in Israel?"

"How?" I said like a naive putz. "Bring a big pile with you."

I thought it was funny then, but not for long. Without realizing it, or even knowing what it was, I had just become an oleh hadash, but without absorption center, Hebrew course, or Law of Return. But unlike most olim, I had secured a job - a good one it seemed - on a new Israeli newspaper, *The Nation*, complete with work permit.

Money, job, Herzliya apartment, sabra girlfriend, car, daughter studying happily in Paris - this was easy. I liked Israel.

Then the flower-pots started falling off the balconies.

If this is not a "wonderful Israel" piece, neither is it a kvetch session. Behind a discreet veil you may glimpse the death of *The Nation*, nine months unemployment, the small pile diminishing to vanishing point, the well-known flight of the sabra lady hutz la'artez, the dejected tramp alone to a bachelor's one-roomer in south Tel Aviv. How do I get a new residence permit, I asked the immigration lady; I want to stay here for my midlife crisis - I think the country's having one too. We'll keep good miserable company. "You can marry, convert, or leave," she said. I took my last $200 dollars to the travel agent and left.

Twenty four hours later, I was back as a tourist on the return flight. So Israel's tough is it? Well, I'm as bloody-minded as any Israeli.

The Jerusalem Post offered me freelance editorial work, and something else happened along the way. Saddam happened.

"When are you off?" Israeli friends asked me as they watched solidarity missions fly in and out, and the tourists fly out and out, on the eve of the war. I was shocked.

"If you bloody lot haven't managed to drive me out, I'm damned if bloody Saddam Hussein will."

The war was when they at last became "my Israelis" like they are yours. I worked the night-shifts from *The Post's* Tel Aviv office alongside my Israelis as the Scuds fell and we quaked together.

Since then I've become cheeky too. I've done my time, buster. I can hardly hide the smirk when guilt-ridden American Jews explain why they would love to live in Israel but can't do it. Maybe their credit line won't stretch to it. Neither does ours here. I hope that, like so many people here, they won't one day have to do it because someone's killing Jews again. Some find my accumulating goyische time here very disturbing, and I'm really glad they do. There's a place here for you Mr. Goldstein - mine, and when you really need it, I'll be glad to move aside. But for now, you "can't do it."

There are a lot of things the Israelis can't do, but they do them anyway. Like greening deserts, and winning wars, and then suing for peace with vicious people who have never met a Jew before but who would still drown them all in the East Mediterranean if they could. Like flying to Ethiopia to bring home an entire nation of Biblical Jews in a day, and then trying to entice half-a-state full of Russians to come as well, just to make life really impossible. Stirring deeds rightly stir Jewish hearts abroad, but it's not enough.

"As long as a man imagines a thing is impossible, so long will he be unable to do it." That's why many of the U.S. excuse-makers are a lost cause already. Just keep sending the checks. In Israel, they do the impossible every day. Just by living here.

They?

I mean we. Me and my Israelis.

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Features

Ariel settlers face uncertain future

Sheldon Kirshner reports from the West Bank settlement of Ariel.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

These are hard, uncertain times for the Jewish settlers of Ariel.

A new government policy toward settlements is prompting pain and fury.

"We feel like second-class citizens," fumed Dina Shalit, Ariel's Montreal-born spokesperson.

When the Likud was in power, the building of settlements was encouraged, and Ariel reaped the benefits of this benevolence. Between 1987 and 1991, Ariel's population nearly doubled and it was regarded as the fastest-growing Israeli outpost in the territories.

Its leaders were so confident of the future that they fully expected Ariel to redouble its population by 1993. Beyond that, some dreamed that Ariel would eventually blossom into a fullblown city of 100,000.

But in life, as in politics, nothing is ever certain.

Much to their bitter disappointment, the Likud lost last year's election, and the new government — which is disposed to territorial compromise in the interests of reaching a peace accord with the Arabs — enunciated a fresh approach to the settlements.

The prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, differentiated between dispensable "political" settlements and indispensable "security" settlements. Furthermore, he imposed a partial freeze on the construction of new settlements and announced his intention to abolish the web of tempting financial incentives which had spurred growth.

The chilling effect of Rabin's policy has been felt quite strongly in Ariel, which, with its population of just over 11,000, is the second largest settlement in the territories after Maale Adumim.

Forty one kilometres east of Tel Aviv, Ariel has been in existence since 1978. It started as a makeshift collection of tents on an awesomely beautiful, wind-swept ridge. Within a few years, attractive villas, townhouses and apartments dotted the stony, biblical landscape.

Land purchased from Palestinians

Ironically, much of the land on which Ariel sits was purchased from its Palestinian owners by the government of Yitzhak Rabin in the mid-1970s, before the electoral triumph of Likud in 1977.

Claiming the West Bank for ideological and security reasons, the hard-line administration of Menachem Begin and his successor, Yitzhak Shamir, unveiled a series of incentives designed to encourage the flow of Jews there.

Among other things, settlers would enjoy preferential mortgages, while proprietors of factories in industrial parks could expect generous tax breaks and grants.

These sweetners worked, because the population of the West Bank swelled tremendously. Today, the West Bank is home to upwards of 120,000 Jews, living in more than 100 settlements. Most are small, with a population of less than 500. But a handful, like Ariel, Maale Adumim, Efrat and Karnei Shomron, are really full-fledged towns with impressive superstructures.

The self-styled capital of Samaria, Ariel is a neat, well planned, exceedingly modern community with a College of Judea and Samaria (affiliated with Bar-Ilan University), synagogues, a swimming pool, a sports centre, a community centre, a senior citizens home, a centre for performing arts, a central library, a hotel and a strip mall.

Because of its size, Ariel provides a variety of services to smaller, outlying communities. "Children from around the region attend our schools," Shalit explained. "We have 29 pre-schools, four elementary schools, one junior high school, one senior high school and a centre for vocational training geared to new immigrants and demobolized soldiers."

The College of Judea and Samaria, which was founded in 1983 but which has yet to receive university accreditation, has a student body of 2,400, the vast bulk of whom commute from Tel Aviv.

Before the Labor party's 1992 victory, Ariel's energetic and publicity-wise mayor, Ron Nachman, had drawn up a three-year plan envisaging 3,000 buildings starts. But now, this ambitious program has been all but rendered superfluous, notwithstanding Shalit's perception that Ariel is a "security" settlement.

Work on new homes that got under way prior to Likud's defeat at the polls is proceeding. Even now, Ariel resembles a busy construction site. The steady drumbeat of hammering is heard. Cranes are etched against the sky. Arab workers complete the finishing touches to pastel villas. Yet the buzz of this activity is deceptive.

Plans to build up to 1,600 new homes, as well as a third industrial park, have been indefinitely shelved.

Suddenly, Ariel's prospects seem dim.

And Shalit, a 44-year-old graduate of Sir Winston Churchill High School and McGill University, is deeply grieved.

"We have 50 years of work ahead of us," she said. "We have 7,500 acres. Development has taken place on only 30 percent of our land."

"If it were not for the freeze, we would be in a position to springboard our growth almost immediately to 25,000 and then to 30,000 by 1995," said Nachman, a fourth-generation Sabra. "But right now all this is on hold."

In common with her fellow settlers, Shalit neither understands nor accepts the logic of the government's policy.

"Ariel is a strategic asset. It's on the route of the Trans-Samaria Highway, which runs from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River. It's vital to Israel's security."

Ariel's original settlers, a core group of 300 to 400 families, came here for ideological reasons. Shalit, her husband, Mendy, and their three children, aged 17, 20 and 21, arrived about a decade ago.

"Ideologically, we believed that, as Jews, we have rights to Judea and Samaria," she said. In Montreal, she and Mendy belonged to Betar, the youth wing of the Zionist Revisionist movement. Before her aliyah, she was employed by the Jewish National Fund.

Ariel was also appealing because of its healthy mountain climate and its unpolluted air, its proximity to Tel Aviv, its fine educational facilities, its sense of community, and its safe streets.

Finally, Shalit liked the idea of Ariel's cosmopolitan nature. By her count, three-quarters of its residents are either Sabras or Israelis who've lived in the Jewish state almost all their lives. Fifteen to 18 percent are ex-Soviet Jews and two to three percent are so-called Anglo Saxons (among whom are several Canadians).

There are Orthodox Jews in Ariel, but they are definitely in a minority. About 85 percent of its residents are not observant, though many, like Shalit, are "traditional."

Shalit believes that eight Messianic Jewish families, all from the United States, reside in Ariel. "It doesn't create a problem because they haven't engaged in missionary work. There are some residents who don't like it, but this is a very liberal and pluralistic community."

According to Shalit, the largest group in Ariel consists of Jews who are here for practical reasons, which "comes down to money." As she put it: "It's 30 percent to 60 percent cheaper to buy a house in Ariel than it is in Tel Aviv."

She added, "Most people come for pragmatic reasons. But after a few years, they also become ideological."

In the June 1992 Israeli election, fifty percent of Ariel's voters cast their ballots for Likud; 15 percent for Tsomet, 13 or 14 percent for Labor; 5 percent for Tehiya; 4 percent for Moledet; 5 percent for the National Religious Party; 5 percent for Shas; and 1 percent for Meretz.

Shalit fears the government will try to undermine Ariel by changing its status as a development town. If this happens, she noted, "we'll feel hard-pressed. It will affect the ability of people to buy homes and build factories."

Ariel's industrial parks, with their array of plants, generate employment for roughly one-third of the work force. The rest commute to jobs in the greater Tel Aviv area, which, in normal traffic, is a 45-minute ride away.

Shalit is concerned by the government's "lax attitude" to security. "Terrorism is rampant, of a frequency and of a severity Israel has never seen in peace time," she said. She was interviewed in March, when Israel was convulsed by a wave of stabbings and shootings.

"Never have we been so afraid. We're seeing the results of a very soft hand to the Palestinians. Today, government policy almost encourages terrorism."

Since the outbreak of the intifada in December 1987, residents' cars have been stoned. Lately, however, it has been quiet. Many drivers have fitted their cars with special protective glass, although she hasn't, and many more have applied for gun licences. She, too, is thinking of arming herself.

Ariel has a security department, manned by hired, professional guards. In Shalit's words, the force is "fairly well prepared" to deal with Arab violence.

Movement has many accomplishments

In 1989, one of Ariel's residents, Frederick Rosenfeld, originally from the United States, was killed by Palestinians near Ariel, which is largely surrounded by Arab villages.

Before the Palestinian uprising, she had Arab friends in neighboring Arab villages and elsewhere on the West Bank. But in the past six years, these friendships have either dissolved or become dormant. A Palestinian friend from Nablus was murdered after being accused of being an Israeli collaborator.

Shalit, an articulate representative of the settlers' cause, claims that the movement has important accomplishments to its credit. "We've done a great deal. We've taken rocky, sparsely-inhabited terrain and built it up, much like kibbutzim. We feel heirs to the kibbutz movement. We've contributed to the security of Israel. We've established facts on the ground that, we believe, are irreversible.

"To revert to the pre-1967 border would render Israel vulnerable and totally indefensible. Our presence here makes it very difficult, if not impossible, to cede Judea and Samaria. As long as we're here, we're strengthing that position.

"Most of us are willing to come to terms with the (Palestinians') desire to call themselves a people. A Palestinian state already exists in Jordan. The creation of a Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria would endanger our existence."

Israel, she contends, should offer the Arabs "peace for peace." It is, she declared, the "only viable solution. We have an obligation, first and foremost, to concern oursevles with our own survival."

The settlers will do everything within the framework of Israeli law to change the government's course. "We will demonstrate and write letters. I don't think people here will take up arms against the Israeli army."

If the West Bank reverts to Arab control, she will leave Ariel. "I didn't come to Israel to live in an Arab country. I don't believe a Palestinian government would be supportive of a Jewish community like ours."

Dina Shalit of Ariel [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jottings from a notebook...

Israelis are in a jittery mood these days, worried by the spectre of random terrorism.

One night, at the central bus station in Beersheba, a driver asked passengers in a line about an unattended handbag at the foot of his door. Since there was no response, everyone automatically edged back. As the nervousness mounted, an old Moroccan Jewish woman suddenly appeared out of nowhere and claimed the handbag. There was a sigh of relief. Everyone surged forward. The mini crisis had been defused.

On my previous visit to Israel, it was rare to see civilians packing pistols in their belts. Now it's fairly common, a reflection of the spate of stabbings and shootings which convulsed Israel until the recent closure of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

My Israeli friends stopped venturing into the territories long before the latest spasm of terrorism. As Jews, they simply feel unsafe there, as do most Israelis. As a result, the old Green Line, which was swept away by the 1967 Six Day War, is once again a barrier.

I was strongly advised not to go into Eastern Jerusalem, which has been the scene of several stabbings in the past year. But I ignored the warnings, and plunged into the labyrinthine lanes and alleyways of the Old City.

I was importuned by Arab guides vying for business and by Arab vendors looking for a fast sale. But I did not experience the slightest twinge of tension, nor did I feel threatened.

The van in which I travelled from Jerusalem to the West Bank settlement of Ariel, about a 45-minute drive, was outfitted with protective plastic windows impenetrable to rocks and stones. Since the start of the intifada, Palestinians have broken the glass panes of numerous cars, trucks, vans and buses, prompting security-minded Israelis to refit their vehicles.

Unattended handbag triggers jitters

The ride to Ariel was uneventful. We passed terraced hills filled with gnarled olive trees, occasional Arab villages crowned by graceful minarets and the rare Israeli army patrol. In this sector of the West Bank, which is only some 40 kilometres from Tel Aviv, the army apparently tries to be unobtrusive.

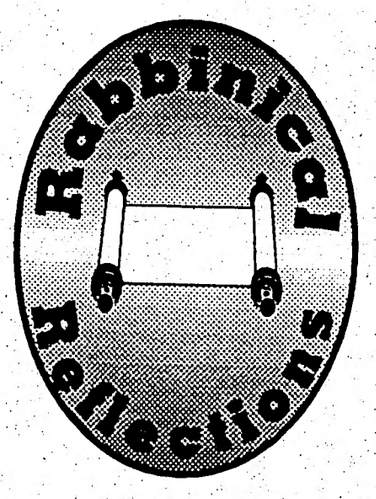
Visiting the Israeli-Arab village of Meiran, in the Wadi Ara district, I was introduced to a Bosnian Muslim family which had recently been welcomed to Israel by the government. Along with more than 70 other Bosnians who were airlifted to Israel several months ago, they live in Kibbutz Beit Oren, set amid the green, rolling, pine-scented hills of the Carmel National Park.

On this warm spring day, they were entertained by an Israeli Arab political activist and his immediate family. The Bosnian husband and wife were glum and silent, not being able to speak Hebrew, Arabic or English. They seemed completely out of place, tense and anxious. Their 19-year-old daughter hardly uttered a word, probably out of shyness. She said she missed home and wanted to return as soon as the civil war ended. Their long-haired 23-year-old son spoke fluent English and exuded confidence. He said he plans to study Hebrew and complete his university education in Israel.

It appeared that the Bosnians had little in common with their hospitable Israeli Muslim hosts, who had gone to the trouble of laying on an ample spread of sweet Arabic pastry and Turkish coffee spiked with cardomom for their foreign guests.

In appearance, the Bosnians looked definitely European. By contrast, the Israeli Arabs imparted a Middle Eastern air. The host, a man of the world, was clad in casual Western clothes, but his wife wore a bright, billowing dress down to her ankles, and her head was modestly covered. The paternal grandfather, whose weathered brown face resembled a road map, was clad in traditional Palestinian garb, a checkered red-and-white kaffiyeh and a white robe tucked in with a thick black belt.

The cultural gap between the Bosnians and the Israeli Arabs seemed like an unbridgeable chasm.



By RABBI ELIOT MALOMET

Parashat Behar-Behukkotai begins as follows:

The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai: Speak to the Israelite people and say to them, when you enter the land that I assign to you the land shall observe a sabbath of the Lord. Six years you may sow your field and six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in the yield. But in the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath of complete rest, a sabbath of the Lord: you shall not show your field or prune your vineyard. (Lev. 25:1-5)

There is a tradition that all future generations of Israel were present at Mount Sinai when the Torah was revealed. There we were, standing in the hot sun by day and shivering in the freezing cold by night. Fresh out of Egypt, with anarchy, insurrection and idolatry lurking around every corner, the only thing that we were concerned with was basic survival. And there, in the middle of the desert, Moses, our indefatigable leader, is giving us instructions about what to do on the seventh year in the land of Canaan! Doesn't it seem a little out of place? Aren't there more pressing concerns then what to do with our future vineyards?

The rabbis had a more polite way of asking some of those questions. "Mah inyan shmittah etzel Har Sinai? — Why is there a concern with the sabbatical year at Mount Sinai?"

To the Israelites, the land of Israel was still an abstraction. And as far as agriculture was concerned, these people barely knew how to plough a field, let alone plant seeds and harvest grapes. What relevance did all of these laws have to them while standing around a montain in the middle of the desert?

The revelation of Torah at Mount Sinai had one single aim: to create an ideal society for the people of Israel in the land of Israel. The Torah is Israel's constitution, and as the fundamental document defining its basic values it was extremely relevant even if its implementation would take place in the future. These laws were relevant to Israel at this point in its development because they trained the people to visualize themselves living in their new land. They cultivated a sense of purpose and mission in the people so that when they finally would reach the land they would be ready to live there according to God's will.

The question of relevance is the single most important question facing the Jewish people. When Judaism and Jewishness is perceived to be irrelevant, Jews become disaffected and alienated with Judaism and Jewish life. Our existence as a result becomes irrelevant for the world. Our claim is that Judaism is crucially relevant to modern civilization.

Even if we look at the commandments concerning the sabbatical year we can perceive the essential relevance of Judaism. At their core these commandments have a basic understanding of the relationship between humanity and nature. The laws of the sabbatical year teach us a basic attitude toward the environment. They teach us that we are never landlords but only tenants in this world. They teach us that it is our responsibility to preserve and protect our environment and natural resources from exploitation and overuse.

Our claim is that just as the laws of the sabbatical year are relevant to us in the modern context, so too, every law, every teaching of Judaism, is relevant to us in the modern context. As we converse with our ancient laws and traditions, we cultivate our own sense of mission and purpose in this world. Our challenge is to expound the relevance of Judaism to Jews, not only so that Judaism will remain relevant to Jews, but that Jews will remain relevant to the world.

(Rabbi Eliot Malomet is the spiritual leader of Congregation Adat Re'im in Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec.)

City calls for Pollard's release

NEW YORK — The New York City council has unanimously passed a resolution urging President Bill Clinton to commute the life sentence of Jonathan Pollard to time served, which would result in Pollard's immediate release from prison. The city council of Miami Beach, Florida unanimously adopted a similar resolution. In late April, the city council of Los Angeles, also by unanimous vote, passed a resolution calling on Clinton to commute Pollard's sentence. These actions are the latest in a growing wave of support for Pollard's release.

Pollard was arrested in November of 1985 and charged with passing classified information regarding military activities of Middle Eastern nations to Israel. He subsequently pleaded guilty to one count of supplying secrets to Israel and cooperated with the government's investigation of his conduct. Pollard was sentenced to life in prison despite the government's promise not to seek such a penalty.

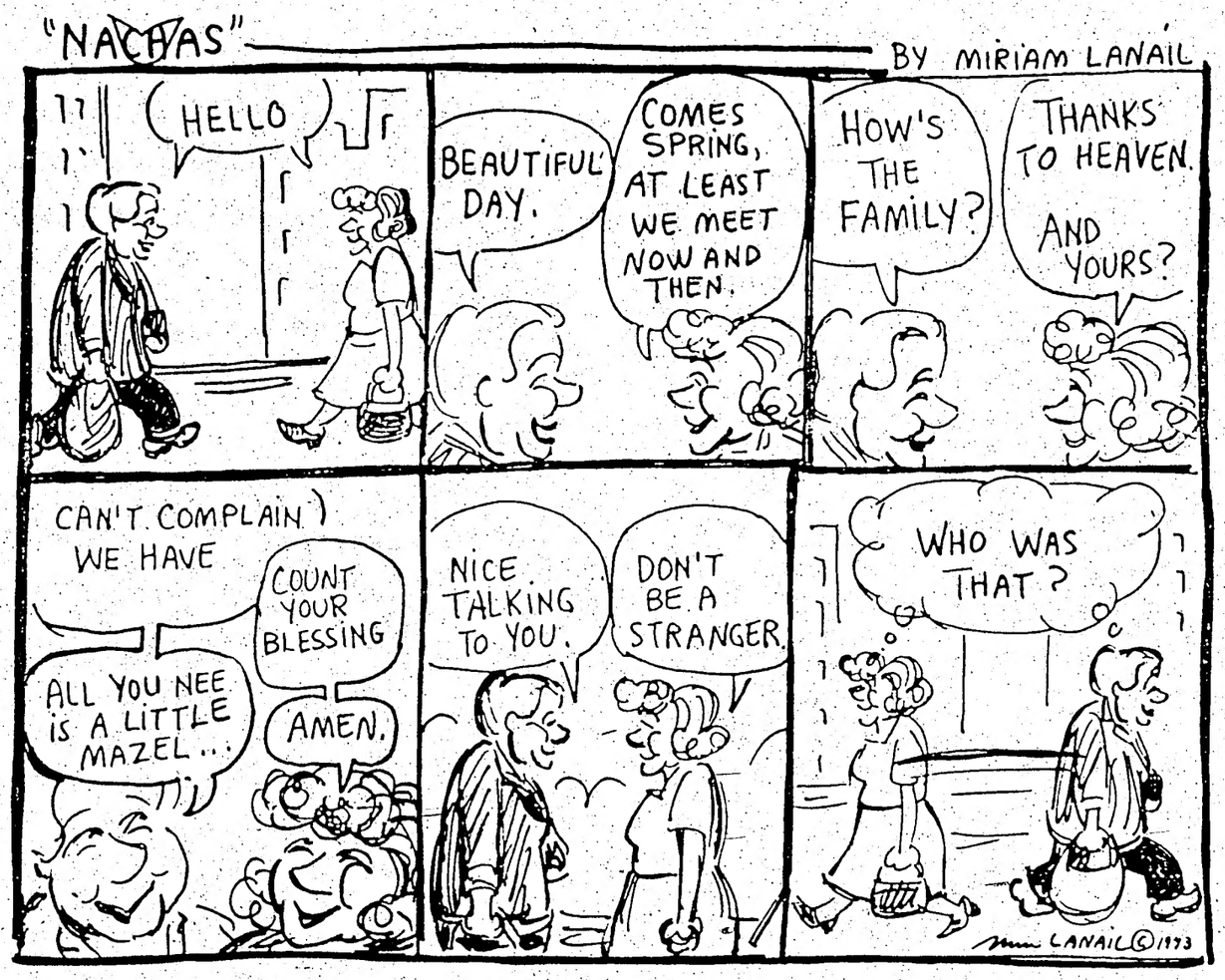
Pollard has expressed remorse for his conduct and "for the pain and anguish that my actions have caused my family, my country and the Jewish people. I wanted to save Israel and its people from the devastation that was being threatened by the chemical, biological and nuclear arms build-up taking place in Iraq, Syria and throughout the Middle-East. I realize now that I had no right to take matters into my own hands. My actions were misguided and I understand now how damaging they have been to so many people."

Campaign launched

Pollard's family and friends have mounted an international campaign to seek a commutation by President Clinton of his sentence to the eight years he has already served. Tens of thousands of persons have joined the campaign, which has brought expressions of support from scores of Jewish organizations, hundreds of rabbis, and from such wide-spread sources as Pat Robertson, Cardinal Law, the Archbishop of Boston, Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame University, Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Weisel, members of Congress, and many others.

They have argued that although Pollard's conduct was wrong his sentence was grossly disproportinate to any other sentence for giving information to a close ally of the United States. His supporters urge that Pollard was motivated by a desire to save lives and is entitled now to compassion on humanitarian grounds.

Despite sharp judicial criticism of the government's compliance with Pollard's plea bargain agreement, and a strong protest by one judge who called Pollard's sentence "a fundamental miscarriage of justice," his sentence was upheld by the courts on technical grounds. The Supreme Court declined to review his case.



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Organizations and People

Netivot HaTorah celebrates Israeli Independence Day

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, which took place this year on April 26, was the springboard for an entire week of Israel-related activities at Netivot HaTorah Day School, located at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation (up to Grade 4) and Temple Sinai (Grades 5 to 8).

The religious Zionist school's second annual Shavuah Yisrael (Israel Week) involved students in a flurry of artistic and dramatic efforts depicting various Israel-related topics. Plaster moldings of the Kotel and relief maps made of beans and pasta were among the more unusual projects.

Grade 3 English teacher Elaine Lazarus planned Israel Week activities for her two classes around Ethiopian Jewry. "I thought it would be a good lesson for the children to establish an affinity with all Jewish people and at the same time to rejoice in our [joint] focus on Medinat Yisrael."

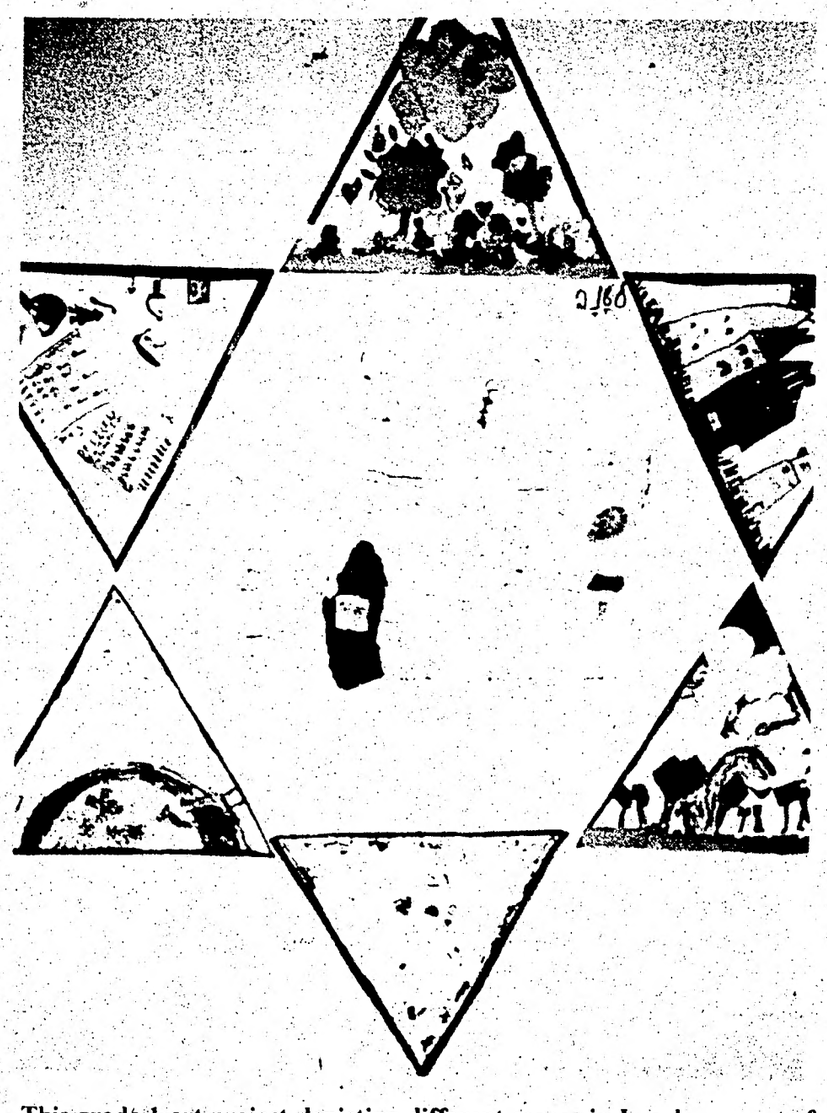
Lazarus saw Israel Week as a "unique opportunity" for the students to learn some world geography. By trying to locate Israel on a map, students "immediately understood how small and how vulnerable it is." The youngsters also engaged in letter-writing from the point of view of Ethiopian children, the creation of new games (mostly board games) to show the obstacles in getting from Ethiopia to Israel, and their own versions of Ethiopian-type weaving projects, using burlap and a variety of yarns.

"I think it developed in them a very strong feeling for our unity and our diversity," says Lazarus.

Israel Week is also geared for parents, some of whom acted as volunteers to help with the art projects, said school vice-principal Rabbi Elliott Diamond, originator of the program.

Resource material addressing Israel-related issues was prepared for parents. The school, together with Mizrachi of Canada and Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, sponsored a public lecture by Rabbi Walter Wurzberger on Religious Zionism: Vision and Reality at the sponsoring synagogue. (*CJN*, May 6).

Both Lazarus and Rabbi Diamond look forward to seeing the entire school celebrate Israel Week together next year in their new school, currently under construction in Thornhill.



This grade 1 art project depicting different scenes in Israel was part of Shavuah Yisrael at Netivot Hatorah Day School.

High schools win Jerusalem Prize

TORONTO — Two private Toronto high schools are among only four in the world to be awarded this year's Jerusalem Prize for Jewish education outside Israel.

Yeshivat Or Chaim, a religious secondary school for boys, and sister school Ulpanot Orot for girls were selected from applicants covering every corner of the globe. In the 14-year history of the Jerusalem Prize, this is the first time a Canadian school was chosen.

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According to an excited general studies principal Dr. Norman Smith, the Jerusalem Prize application was so detailed, it took a week to complete.

"It was like an academic tax return," he said.

The prize is awarded every two years by the World Zionist Organization, at a Jerusalem ceremony, scheduled this year for May 19, Yom Yerushalayim. A representative from Yeshivot Or Chaim and Ulpanot Orot will be in Israel to accept it from Israeli president Ezer Weizman.

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash

Family Law Counsel

Canadian Courts are proclaiming a legal revolution in family law. In a series of recent decisions (some 7-0 in the Supreme Court of Canada), the Courts have signalled a strong feminist line, perhaps the most radical judicial trend in Canadian family law history. In December 1993, the Supreme Court of Canada decided in the case of ***Moge*** that separated women whose marriages affected their careers no longer have to worry about becoming self-supporting as quickly as possible after lengthy marriages. The woman's accustomed lifestyle and the impact of the marriage are the new bellweathers ushering in an age where Judges will order spousal support over a long period of time much more readily than even five months ago! In addition, spouses who contributed household duties to their common-law relationships have recently been given the right to claim property rights from their common-law spouses, even if there is no direct or indirect contribution to the purchase or enhancement of specific property.

In Ontario, women whose careers were interrupted by marriage are now being awarded large lump sums of money for the future loss of seniority they suffered by reason of time lost due to the marriage.

Some spouses may seriously start thinking twice before marrying or cohabiting without marriage contracts that protect them from future liability.

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Blacks in top positions risk being co-opted: Akande

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —Blacks who make it into top jobs in government or the private sector run the risk of being co-opted to become unwitting allies of the majority.

This is the view of Zanana Akande, the first black woman to become an Ontario cabinet minister. She is now parliamentary assistant to Premier Bob Rae.

"When blacks take their places in these posts, they imitate the language, the forms, and the process established by the majority," she told a recent forum dealing with racism. "That is not multiculturalism; we'll have that only when we speak with our own voices. Our being there is of little significance."

The former minister of community and social services, who represents the Toronto riding of St. Andrew-St. Patrick, said that as a cabinet minister she was asked to attend media classes to learn how to handle the press. "They were trying to turn me into a white spokesman, teaching me to say nothing well, teaching me to be part of the majority."

Recalling her interest in radical causes as a university student, she said it was a "disappointment" to find in later life "that I was back to being a black woman." She added: "I was absolutely defined by my color. My sex was secondary. I was still expected to be at the back of the bus."

She said she had no regrets about her activism. "We were the generation that pushed the hardest. Those were the bra-burning days. My mother told me 'If you want to get out of the kitchen, honey, you've got to push. I'm not doing the feminist thing now. I still believe in it, but I haven't got the time."

Zanana Akande

In the discussion period, Akande was asked to give her reaction to a "hateful statement" by a black school trustee in North York. (Trustee Stephnie Payne, referring to the choice of *Show Boat* to open the North York Performing Arts Centre, said it was mostly Jewish men who defamed blacks. She later apologized.)

'Some racists not white'

"It's like asking if I'm still beating my wife," she replied. "I know there has been a lot of discussion about it being a hateful and anti-Semitic statement. I never assumed that the only people who perpetuate racism are white. Some racists are not white."

She then asked her questioner if anything she had said as a panelist had led him to believe that all racists are white. He replied in the negative.

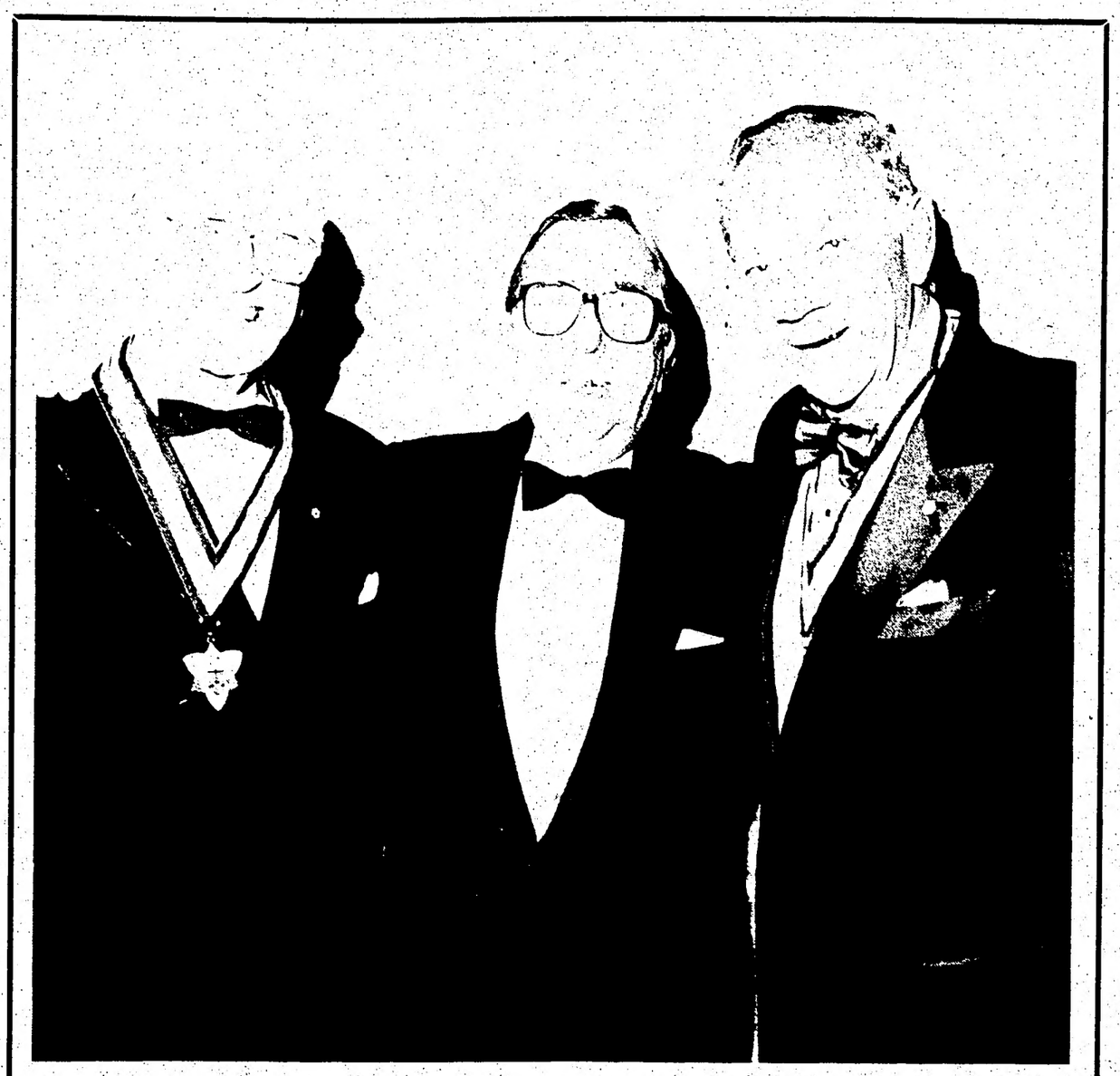
A project by a coalition of blacks, Jews and Muslims to enhance employment opportunities for youths is an example of community groups working together to ameliorate racism, said panelist Karen Mock, national director, League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith Canada.

Chandra Budhu, the co-director, Community Action on Violence Against Women, YWCA of Canada, said she gets "very, very angry," when people make unthinking remarks about her race. "My white hairdresser asked me what I do and when I told her, she said, 'Oh, I'm so glad, there is so much violence in the East Indian community.' "

Canadian statistics reveal that one in four women will be sexually assaulted, half the women assaulted are under 17, half the offences take place in a public place and 40 percent of women beaten are pregnant for the first time, Budhu said.

Although her 20-year-old daughter wanted a career as an actress, she has decided to be a writer and producer "so she will be judged by her writing and not by her color," Budhu said.

The forum, at the Barbara Frum Library in North York, was chaired by Peter Gilbert and the panelists were introduced by moderator Elyse Graff. It was sponsored by the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and the YWCA of Metropolitan Toronto. The speakers were thanked by Gloria Fallick, the first Jewish president of the YWCA.



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New Order of Ontario recipients Rabbi Gunther Plaut (left) and philanthropist Murray Koffler (right) were joined by the Chief Justice of Ontario, Charles Dubin, at the recent investiture ceremony held at Queen's Park. Twenty-one Ontarians received the honor, which recognizes individuals who have attained the highest standards of excellence in their fields. The citations were presented by Ontario Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman after a review of the nominations by a committee chaired by Dubin. Rabbi Plaut, senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, is involved in a myriad of community and Israel-related causes. Koffler, founder of the Shoppers Drug Mart chain, has been involved in a variety of Jewish, native, scientific and sporting endeavors. The order's insignia is a stylized trillium in white and green enamel, edged in gold. [Sandra Russell photo]

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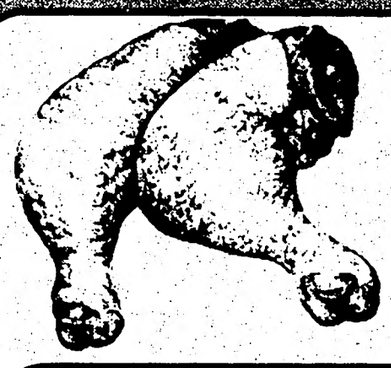

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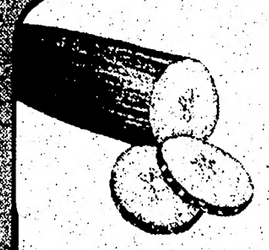

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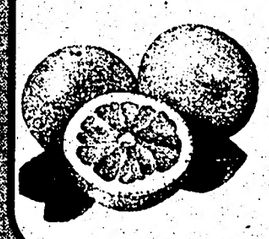

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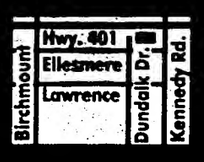

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CJC's Frieberg appointed to Ontario anti-racism body

TORONTO — Gerda Frieberg, chair of the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress, has been appointed to Ontario's Cabinet Roundtable on Anti-Racism.

The announcement came from Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba last week.

Frieberg will join 12 other individuals from Ontario minority communities on the Roundtable, which was announced last December.

The Roundtable was one of the recommendations of the Stephen Lewis Report, which advocated direct and continuous access of racial minority groups to government decision makers.

"I'm very honored to be selected to represent the Jewish community," Frieberg told *The CJN*. "It gives me the opportunity to defend our interests.

"And it's always good to sit at a table and talk to others with similar concerns."

The appointment of the 13 members — a representative from the aboriginal community is yet to be named — is for two years and they will meet a minimum of four times a year.

Gerda Frieberg

"The appointments mark a new phase in the government's determination to fight all forms of discrimination based on race," said Ziemba, who will chair the Roundtable.

The group, which will also include several cabinet ministers, has three key tasks:

- to build partnerships between the government and minority communities for joint dialogue, problem solving and advice to the cabinet;
- to provide ongoing feedback and monitoring of government initiatives of interest to minorities;
- and to make recommendations to cabinet on the implementaion of anti-racism initiatives.

The establishment of the Roundtable is among the last of Lewis's recommendations to be implemented.

Frieberg will join the following individuals on the Roundtable: Lewis Chan of Ottawa, Sam Enver of Sudbury, Sheryl Hoshizaki of Dryden, Brian Kersey of Amherstburg, Severin Ndema-Moussa of Ottawa, Vilma Ricci of Brampton, Mary-Woo Sims of North York, T. Sher Sing of Guelph, Marlene Thomas-Osbourne of Hamilton and from Toronto, Lennox Farrell, Aida Graff and Ratna Omidvar.

Waterloo seminar examines Holocaust

By MOURA WOLPERT

WATERLOO — The Waterloo County Holocaust Education Committee held its fourth annual student seminar on the Holocaust at Wilfred Laurier University on May 5.

Modelled on a similar event presented each year in Toronto by the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre, the Waterloo seminar is sponsored jointly by the Theology Faculty of Wilfrid Laurier University, Kitchener-Waterloo Lodge of B'nai Brith, the Waterloo County Board of Education and the Waterloo Region Catholic School Board.

Approximately 300 area high school students attend annually to hear survivors tell their stories and to meet with them in small groups for more intimate discussion, says Eve Bergstein, a survivor living in Waterloo who has been instrumental in organizing these seminars.

The keynote speaker this year was Alicia Appleman-Jurman, author of *Alicia: My Story*.

Born in Poland in 1930, Appleman-Jurman lost her parents, four brothers and about 80 close relatives in the Holocaust. She survived, first in ghettos then in surrounding forests and fields, and was also able to save the lives of several Jews as well as those of two groups of Russian partisans operating behind German lines.

After the war, she helped smuggle Jews out of Poland to Austria, from where they were guided to Israel, finally leaving for Israel herself on the immigrant ship Theodore Herzl, only to be intercepted by the British and interned on Cyprus for the next eight months.

In Israel, Appleman-Jurman was sent to a Youth Aliyah school and later took part in the War of Independence.

She met her husband, Gabriel Appleman, while serving in the Israeli navy and in 1952, the couple came to the United States.

On the evening prior to the seminar, Appleman-Jurman also told her story to members and friends of Beth Jacob Congregation in Kitchener.

The Waterloo County Holocaust Education Committee also sponsors a seminar every October for local history, English and law teachers and teacher-librarians.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, May 13, is deadline for May 27 issue, and Thursday, May 20, is deadline for June 3 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Friday, May 14

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** presents a wide selection of music during a happy musical hour at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., 2-3 p.m.

Sunday, May 16

ENSURING A JEWISH TOMORROW

The public is invited to a program on the topic of Are We Ensuring A Jewish Tomorrow?—How To Prevent Intermarriage and Assimilation with panelists **Sandra Brown**, chair, Board of Jewish Education; **Elsa Chandler**, chair, North York Board of Education, Trustee Ward 4; and **Robert Eli Rubinstein**, and moderator **Melville Olsberg**, former executive director, Holy Blossom Temple. The time is 7:30 p.m., Room 206, JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Admission is $3. Program is sponsored by Association for Jewish Continuity and JCC North Y branch.

TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT

Congregation Habonim's annual tea party and entertainment featuring vocalist **Rachel Kast** begins at 2:30 p.m. Admission is $10 including refreshments and door prizes. All proceeds go to UJA and Operation Exodus. For further information, call **Lottie Watson**, 267-0047.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

Making her first Toronto appearance, **Gail Pressburg**, president of Americans for Peace Now, which this year became a member of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, will lecture at OISE, north auditorium, 252 Bloor St. W., at 7:30 p.m. on Middle East Peace Process: Promises And Pitfalls. Prior to assuming her present position, she was director of the Americans for Peace Now's Centre for Israeli Peace and Security in Washington. Admission is free. Event is sponsored by Canadians for Peace Now (764-3997) and the Israel Affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region (635-2883, ext. 147).

EVENING OF COMEDY

Tmicha chapter of Hadassah-WIZO invites you to an evening of comedy with some of Canada's funniest comedians at 8 p.m. at The Laugh Resort, 26 Lombard St. Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. All proceeds go to Youth Aliyah. Contact **Fay Rakoff**, 667-9423.

BBYO TEEN CONNECTION

B'nai Brith Youth Organization Teen Connection is on the move again travelling to the Rocking Horse Ranch for hayrides, hot chocolate and a 'taste of the great outdoors'. Departure 1 p.m. from JCC North Y branch, returning 4:30 p.m. Cost is $5 members, $8 non-members. Written permission from parents is necessary for bus travel. For more information, call **Steve**, 635-9411.

PNAI MEETING

A meeting of Toronto chapter, PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) takes place 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue boardroom, 55 Yeomans Rd. Speaker **Max Goody** will discuss Survival. There will be a Yom Yerushalayim celebration.

GARAGE SALE

Jordana-Yamit chapter, Hadassah-WIZO, is sponsoring a garage sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 39 Lansbury Ct., Thornhill (Clark and Hilda).

JEWISH VIEW OF MARRIAGE

Entertainment and Cultural Connection presents writer/ speaker/teacher **Lori Palatnik** on Falling In Love, Staying In Love—Jewish View Of Marriage at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 8 p.m. Everyone is invited for coffee, cake and conversation. Members free; guests $2.

JEWISH CELEBRITY AUCTION

Friends of Yiddish is holding a fundraising Jewish celebrity auction starting 8 p.m. at Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Proceeds will be donated towards a Chair in Yiddish at University of Toronto. Auctioneer is **Les Nirenberg** (in mameloshen). Members free, non-members $2 at door.

BARGAINS GALORE

You'll find bargains galore at the garage sale run by International branch, National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at 583 Cummer Ave., Willowdale.

Monday, May 17

B&P WOMEN'S NETWORK

Business and Professional Women's Network-UJA is presenting **Jim Hayhurst** of Hayhurst Career Centre at 7:15 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St, 4th floor. His address: The Right Mountain, will help you answer some tough questions: Do you understand yourself and your goals? Are you getting what you want out of life? Admission is $7 in advance, $10 at door. To register, call **Judith Komlos**, 635-2883, ext. 174.

SISTERHOOD MEETING

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood meeting at 8 p.m. features culinary expert **Debra Verk** who will prepare Pasta Fit for a King. Also, new brides in the congregation will be honored. Hostess for the evening is **Sara Hennick**. Admission is $2 members, $3 guests. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact synagogue office, 633-3838.

THE POWER OF PUBLIC PRAYER

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations joint spring study program, 3 Prayers: 3 issues in Jewish Life, concludes with The Power of Public Prayer with **Rabbi Philip Scheim** at 8 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. The Joy of Singing led by **Cantor Yehuda Rottner** follows at 9:15 p.m.

WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES

Beth Sholom Sisterhood invites you to a discussion on Current Trends in Women's Health Issues with **Dr. Paul Bernstein**, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, Mount Sinai Hospital, and **Dr. Morton Brown**, chief of urology, North York General Hospital, at 8 p.m. at synagogue.

TIKVAH CHAPTER

What's a nice Jewish girl doing in Tikvah chapter, B'nai Brith Women? Come to the 7:30 p.m. meeting and find out what this 20s-30s married and singles group is all about. Guest speaker is **Elinor Caplan**, MPP. Call **Patti**, 512-2947, or **Debbie**, 782-6012 for details.

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m. in the foyer, Holy Blossom Temple. For more information, call, in confidence, **Ruth**, 763-9111.

Tuesday, May 18

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Adath Israel Sisterhood presents Laughter, the Best Medicine, a lecture on the therapeutic effects of laughter and the value of humor as a healer by **Dr. Mel Borins**, family physician, at 8 p.m. Everone welcome, Sisterhood members $3, non-members $5.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

T'nach Study Group focuses on Book of Kings I, Chapter XX, with **Abe Richmond**, 8:15 p.m., Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM CONCERT

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am announces a Yom Yerushalayim Concert with **Cantor Yehuda Rottner** and the synagogue adult and children's choirs and featuring cantor/comedian **Herschel Fox**, Valley Beth Sholom, Encino, Calif., at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10, available at synagogue office, 633-5500.

THE IMPOSSIBLE SPY

Toronto Jewish Film Society's screening of *The Impossible Spy*, which was filmed on location in Israel and depicts legendary spy, **Eli Cohen**, who furnished the Mossad with the location of Syrian emplacements, is at 7:30 p.m. at Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Guest speaker is **Col. Israel Ben-Haim**. Charge is $7. Call 924-6211 for information.

JEWISH HISTORY CLASSES RESUME

Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation resumes the Tuesday evening classes of Jewish history at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge.

EARLY JEWISH TORONTO

At the Saarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon at 12:30 p.m., **Stephen Speisman**, director, Ontario Jewish Archives, will speak on Early Jewish Toronto. Reserve by calling **Ruth Fruitman**, 731-6660.

TEMPLE HAR ZION SISTERHOOD

The topic of Temple Har Zion Sisterhood's meeting is A Celebration Of Menopause with **Gail Webber**, nurse and sociologist, Women's College Hospital (Health Centre). Time is 8 p.m. at the temple. Charge for non-members is $2. Proceeds go to Women's College Hospital Health Centre. For information, call 882-9612.

MARKHAM STREET SHUL

Markham Street Shul, 397 Markham St., features Ethics of the Fathers—The Seven Traits of a Wise Person with **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, 7:30-8:30 p.m., and Husband and Wives, Models from the Torah-Jacob and Leah with **Rabbi Yaakov Kerzner** and parshah of the week in depth with **Shalom Langner**, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents The Art of Breastfeeding, a discussion of proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties, and adjusting to the role of a new mother, at 8 p.m. at 157 Glenmanor Way, Thornhill. For information, phone **Joyce**, 881-8779 or **Robin**, 886-8364 or **Karen**, 512-7974 or **Risa**, 738-8870.

Wednesday, May 19

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

The groundbreaking ceremony of the Canadian Centre for Reform Judaism and the Atkinson campus of the Leo Baeck Day School is 5:30 p.m. on Atkinson Avenue, between Clark and Centre Street in Thornhill. For further information, contact **Debby**, 222-9220.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM CONCERT

Kehillat Shaarei Torah Sisterhood presents the Thornhill Jewish Male Choir and harpist **Joanna Jordan** in a concert celebrating the 26th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. Admission is $10. For tickets and information, call shul office, 229-2600.

MY ROMANIAN COUSIN

At the Overbrook Cultural Club meeting, Medina Theatre Ensemble will give a dramatic reading of the hilarious comedy, *My Romanian Cousin*, at 2 p.m. at 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst-Sheppard). Members free, non-members $2. Call **Millie Herzog**, 221-7207 for information.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Jewish Genealogical Society annual general meeting and program, Breakthroughs of the Past Year, takes place 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. For information, call 256-1985.

And What Else Is New...

SUMMER STAGE JULY 1993

Leah Posluns Theatre School has a few openings left in its Summer Stage course for children (10-13 years) and teens (14-19), July 5-29, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Course runs Monday to Friday and students will learn about all aspects of theatre: improvisation, mask and mime, theatre games, voice and movement and more! Study with exceptional professionals in the air-conditioned theatre or outdoor amphitheatre. Create a performance piece for friends and relatives to come and see. Have a fun-filled creative July. Call 636-1880, ext. 287, for information and registration.

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ORT GALA BENEFIT

Seen at the recent kick-off reception for the Jackie Mason ORT Gala Benefit taking place Sunday, June 6, at Winter Garden Theatre are (from left)Brian Greenspan, benefit co-chair; Myer Brody, president, Canadian ORT-Ontario region; Lydia London, national president Women's Canadian ORT; Eddie Greenspan, benefit honoree; Simon Schreiber, Benefit co-chair and reception chair; Mark Pearlman, vice-president, Canadian ORT-Ontario region, and benefit co-chair; and Bernard Gross, national president, Canadian ORT.

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What's New

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and running for six consecutive weeks, the Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral is offering a bereavement support group for children who have experienced the death of a parent or sibling. The group will be run by two mental health professionals experienced in counselling children. For further information and registration, call **Dr. Michelle Goodman**, 881-9072.

BACHELOR AUCTION

The inaugural Jewish bachelor auction is set for Tuesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). There will be music by **Ronnie Wiseman**, cash bar, and door prizes include one-year Y Health Club membership. Admission is $18. Tickets are available at all JCC branches. For further information, contact **Renee Wortzman**, 588-4245. Proceeds will go to support Anshei Minsk Synagogue.

B'NAI SHALOM HEBREW SCHOOL

B'nai Shalom Hebrew School, located at Yorkhill Elementary School, 350 Hilda Ave. (at Clark), Thornhill, is now registering students for the 1993-94 school year! Kindergarten and Grades 1-7 classes are held once, twice and three times per week according to grade level.

Curriculum includes Hebrew, holidays, prayers, Israel, Bible, history, music, Israeli folkdancing, synagogue service participation and participation in the Rikkudiah Dance Festival, bar/bat mitzvah program. Remedial and enriched help is also available. Car pool assistance is available.

School is affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education and is under the guidance of **Rabbi Solomon Domb**, spiritual leader; **Joseph Klinger**, principal; and **Sadie Domb**, administrator. For more information and registration, call 731-2797.

CALLING ALL MARITIMERS!

Maritimers had such a great time at the Maritime party last year that another one is planned for this year. It's a Down Home dance and social evening with music by a four-piece band led by Cape Breton's own **Bill 'Bunny' Jacobson**, great refreshments and an opportunity to get together again with your landsleit. It all takes place Saturday, May 29, 8:30 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre. Admission is $15. RSVP by May 21 by phoning 886-0029.

SEWING MACHINE NEEDED

A call is out from the Furniture Bank for a used sewing machine for a new immigrant. Call 330-2937.

GARDEN HOEDOWN

Gardeners take note! Israeli chapter, Hadassah-WIZO, is sponsoring a garden hoedown featuring plants, flowers and garden accessories Sunday, May 16, to Wednesday, May 19, at 10 a.m., at Irwin's Hardware, 383 Spadina Rd. (Forest Hill Village). Phone orders accepted. Call 486-7053 or 961-8187.

KIDDIE KAMP '93

Registration is now open for the 1993 summer season of Torah Tots Kiddie Kamp for boys and girls ages 3-5½. It runs Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (optional 9 a.m. early bird program) at German Mills Community Centre, 80 German Mills Rd. First session is July 7-30, second session Aug. 3-25. Fees are $325 each session, $575 entire summer (early bird program additional $50 per session). Kiddie Kamp is affiliated with Lubavitch Gan Israel worldwide camping network. For a brochure and more information, call 886-0420.

FRANCOPHONE CHAPTER BBW/C

Come and join chapter Soleil, the only francophone chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada. Call 661-0155 or 886-8357.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

On view at the Koffler Gallery is an exhibition of **Victor Tinkl's** new sculptures featuring both individual sculptures and installation pieces. In the Loggia Gallery, the fifth exhibition in High Junk presents an installation by Toronto artist **Marlene Klassen**. Exhibits continue to June 30.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE MINYAN

On your way down to a Blue Jays game or some other downtown activity, avail yourself of an early Mincha Maariv at Anshe Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market. The minyan begins 6:45 p.m. For a recorded message of specific times, phone 595-5723. Also, there is a daily morning minyan 6:45 a.m.

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Have your children learn, sing and play in a fun-filled friendly Jewish environment. Programs are for children 2 and 3 years of age (youngsters need not be toilet trained), four mornings a week, Monday-Thursday, at 44 Edinburgh Dr. Drop-off time is 8:45 a.m. and pick-up is 11:45. Qualified teachers are on staff. For September registration, call **Reva**, 638-2566. Summer camp program is also available at same location.

JF&CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following workshops— Social Skills Group (daytime groups); Widows/Widowers (begins May); and Adult Children Losing a Parent (begins June). For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are wanted for Adath Sholom Synagogue Sisterhood's craft and boutique sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31. Tables are $50 each. To inquire, call 635-0131 days; **Viki**, 783-3569 or **Carol**, 663-4290 evenings.

at the JCC

JCC North Y branch is offering new summer programs for children and teens— Basketball clinic for boys born in 1979, 1980 and 1981. First clinic begins May 11, 7:30-9 p.m. For more information, call **Neil Rothenberg**, 651-6354.

T-Ball, Sundays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. May 9-June 27, for boys and girls ages 6-9. Cost is $35. Call **Laura**, 636-1880, ext. 282.

Mini soccer, Sundays noon to 1 p.m., May 9-June 27, for ages 6-9. Cost is $35. call Laura.

Youth softball, Sundays 1-3 p.m., May 9-June 27, for boys and girls ages 10-13. Cost is $35. Call Laura.

A reminder about the South Y reunion Sunday, May 16, 8 p.m., Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. Tickets are $15 and are on sale at North and South Ys. Call **Luni**, 924-6211, for more information.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club upcoming trips— 18-days in Israel, Nov. 14-Dec. 1 (first orientation end of May); Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 11-19; cruises to Stoney Lake, June 24, and Bobcaygeon Aug. 26; Art Park to see *Oliver* June 9; *Damn Yankees* July 22, and *Anything Goes* Aug. 22. For information on all trips and programs, call **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss, share experiences and make new friends. Next meeting is May 16, 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre board room, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information, call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

LZA Seniors Club has planned a one-week trip to the Catskills July 25 ($850, call the office, 630-9444 or **Libby**, 782-2059), and a day at Fantasy Island with entertainment, refreshments and buffet lunch July 1 (call the office). The Cultural Club meets Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and Ladies Dance Group on Thursdays, 1 p.m. All activities take place at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Aluma Canadian Israel Club is meeting Monday, May 17, 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events are— trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake with kosher box lunch and shopping, Tuesday, May 18; Buffalo shopping trip June 22 ($20 members only); Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 18-25 ($875); Sunday dance with live band at community centre May 23. For information, call 395-7881.

At the **Wagman Centre**— Wellness Education Group presents Neck and Back: Care and Comfort, Part 1 Wednesday, May 12, and Part 2 Wednesday, May 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m. with **Pat McKee**, assistant professor, Division of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. Call 789-5131, ext. 2267 regarding registration. A movie is scheduled Sunday, May 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m. A musical variety program, Love and Magic, takes place Tuesday, May 18, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Richard Bassett, social worker and Yiddish activist, will discuss Happiness—What Is The Prescription? Thursday, May 20, 2 p.m. at **Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place**, 645 Castlefield Ave. Admission is free but seating is limited. Call **Marlene White**, 785-1511 to reserve.

Central Park Lodges host North York Seniors Games opening ceremonies with **Mayor Mel Lastman** as the event's official, plus refreshments and entertainment by pianist **Rose Mallinger**, Thursday, May 20, 2-4 p.m., Central Park Lodge, 265 Queens Dr. Bus picks up from North York City Hall at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. For information, call 248-0256.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

Join **Young at Heart Seniors** on a trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel (kosher) for 10 or 11 days, July 30-Aug. 8 or 9. A trip to Corning to be announced. For information, call **Doreen** or **Helen** at 635-6343.

Fun Time Group, 55 plus, upcoming day tours include— Wednesday, June 9, Shaw Festival to see *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*; Tuesday, June 15, shopping in Buffalo; Tuesday, June 22, Geritol Follies. All tours include surprise extras. Also, a four-day mini-holiday to Finger Lakes is planned. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Sunrise Group is arranging a trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills, departures June, July or August for five days with a visit to New York City, $495 all inclusive. Plus four more days (nine in all) to Atlantic City to June 1. Call **Esther**, 932-2534, or **Sonia**, 889-9436.

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Shirley Solomon, host of the popular *Shirley Show*, will be the recipient of the B'nai Brith Women of Canada Achievement Award at BBW/C's biennial convention, May 14-16 in Montreal.

Shirley Solomon

A Canadian immigrant, Solomon was forced to drop out of high school at age 16 to help support her family. She returned to school later in life as a single mother and earned a BA in political science at York University. From there she began her career in television hosting a program at Toronto's multicultural station, Channel 47. It was in September 1989 that the *Shirley Show* aired for the first time. Since then, the talk show has won critical acclaim and has been nominated for three Gemini Awards.

BBW/C has chosen Solomon in recognition of her commitment to the advancement of humanitarianism and the enlightenment of society through the *Shirley Show*, explained **Sandy Katz**, Achievement Award chair.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Recently, Associated Hebrew Day School held its Junior High Public Speaking finals involving students at both Danilack and Neptune branches. Each student delivered a speech on a topic of his/her choice. Seen above Robert Adam Danilack first place winner is congratulated by Danilack judges (from left), Miriam Venis, elementary principal, Danilack; Tom Decker, North York Board of Education; and Norman Smith, principal, Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot. Second and third place winners are Lisa Kadish and Richard Finkelstein. Neptune winners are Hyla Robicsek, Yair Lenga and Pam Stein.

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Organizations and People

Cities seen as liberating for Jews

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — The Biblical story of the Tower of Babel is a "pessimistic" metaphor that implies people of differing cultures and tongues can't co-exist peacefully in a modern urban environment, according to a professor of Jewish religious thought at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles.

"If the myth embedded in the Babel story is the truth, the future of our urban areas is bleak," David Ellenson told a large crowd recently at the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

Ordained as a Reform rabbi, Ellenson cited a variety of secular and religious sources in a highly philosophical talk entitled The City in a Time of Babel. The lecture was the second and last in a symposium sponsored by the Holy Blossom and the Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto.

Alternating between a Jewish and a universalistic viewpoint, Ellenson noted that "the Jews did not walk, they ran" when the ghetto doors swung open in the emancipation era of two centuries ago. "The shtetls weren't so wonderful," he said. "There wasn't a lot of options."

By contrast, cities present a dizzying array of options and possibilities. "I was speaking with some people who participated in a recent march in Toronto to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, and — correct me if I'm wrong — they belonged to the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League.

"I dare say there aren't many places in the world where that option would exist. But it can occur in Toronto because it is large and there are 120,000 Jews here. That is exactly the sort of option the city offers.

'Frees us from repressiveness of village culture'

"Cities are wonderful places. They free us from the repressiveness of village culture. They allow us anonymity and hence freedom."

Noting that "modernity dissolves tradition," Ellenson observed what he called a "neo-traditionalism" taking root among urban Jews. "People need mediating structures. They need to find a sense of at-homeness amidst the anonymity of the big city."

He noted that Judaism is not a proselytizing religion and that the Jewish concept of the Almighty is all-encompassing, not exclusively Jewish. He also noted a recurrent pattern of scarcity in the Pentateuch that leads Isaac and Ishmael, then Jacob and Esau, to fight for a single paternal blessing between them.

The pattern is repeated when Jacob blesses Joseph's sons Ephraim and Menasseh, purposely giving the younger the blessing that should have gone to the elder. "It's the only time in the book of Genesis when one brother receives the blessing of the other and there's no fight," Ellenson said.

"This embodies the message of Judaism — to strive for peace, to strive for the sharing of the blessing."

Despite negative events like the L.A. riots of 1992, we must continue to promote a multi-cultural vision of humanity, Ellenson said. "The challenge is to make the agora, the marketplace, of our cities the kind of place where everyone feels they have options and choices.

"We must not surrender to the pessimism of the myth of Babel."

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Intermarriage

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ble discussion with about 20 students in the 18 to 23 age group. When she asked them whether they would consider getting involved with a non-Jew, the responses fell generally into two camps: they wouldn't do so because of their concern over their parents' reaction or that they were simply not ready for marriage.

A few said they would not consider going out with a non-Jew.

Sookman said the responses show that concern over social consequences is greater than a need to maintain strong Jewish values. She believes that Jewish children, from a young age, must be constantly asked to examine the importance of Judaism in their lives and inquire into the meaning of their Jewish heritage. If they did, they would be less likely to marry outside the faith or look for alternate forms of religious observance, she said.

Prof. Stuart Schoenfeld, of York University's sociology department, believes that "intermarriage is a symptom of changes in Jewish life in general. People don't all of a sudden decide they'll take an action that makes them marginal from the community. They're already feeling distant from the Jewish part of their lives.

Schoenfeld, who is a member of the federation task force, said research shows that people entering their second marriages are more likely to wed a non-Jew than someone marrying for the first time.

The community could respond to that situation by trying to help the marriages of young Jewish couples succeed. Since emotional and economic reasons are the two main reasons for divorce, the community might consider providing more counselling and economic assistance at rough spots in a couple's marriage, he said.

Schoenfeld said Jews today "confront personal and social issues that reflect the world they live in. If the Jewish community is going to continue on into the future, it has to acknowledge the real issues in people's lives.

"The issue around Jewish continuity isn't so much who's marrying whom, the issue is whether the Jewish community gives its members resources to let [them] live better and more ethical lives and whether the Jewish community participates in confronting the serious world problems."

Rabbis split on approaches

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Frieda Forman, co-ordinator of the women's education resource centre at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, believes the attendance of 500 women at a Jewish feminist conference held in February shows there is a constituency that is not being reached by the Jewish establishment.

"I don't think the Jewish community is a monolith," she said. "It's complex, but there is a marginalization of those active in progressive groups" such as feminists, gays, lesbians and people in the peace camp.

The establishment suffers from a lack of imagination and the failure to realize that feminism today is having an impact on society and on Jewish women, she said.

The conference showed the hunger of Jewish women to belong to the community, but "they do not want to compromise their principles. They also want to live a Jewish life.

"If you feel you are wanted, that a community is willing to negotiate with you, then you're more likely to lead a life that would pre-dispose people to continuity," Forman said. "When people feel left out, ostracized, made to feel like pariahs, no one will feel a warm feeling towards being a Jew."

Pointing to the conference, Forman said "people [repeated] over and over again in workshops that they want to be part of a Jewish community, to create a Jewish life, but they feel there is no entry point for them."

CANADA 125 MEDALS

Willowdale Tory MPP Charles Harnick recently presented medals commemorating Canada's 125th anniversary in Confederation to Rabbi Jordan Pearlson (right) and Julie Koschitzky. Rabbi Pearlson, spiritual leader of Temple Sinai, has been active for years in promoting Christian-Jewish dialogue. Koschitzky is chair of the world board of trustees of Keren Hayesod, past president of United Israel Appeal of Canada and active within United Jewish Appeal. The medals honor Canadians who have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens.

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Organizations and People

Racist groups said growing in membership and strength

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — Toronto police have seized "hundreds" of weapons from people with links to racist groups, a senior writer for the *Toronto Sun* told a gathering recently at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE).

Bill Dunphy, a self-styled expert on organized hate groups, said several such organizations are involved in murders, bombings and other forms of violence in the United States.

He singled out The Church of the Creator as one of the most dangerous, describing it as "militant, militaristic, anti-Semitic, anti-black, anti-everything non-white."

Dunphy described an 18-year-old woman as "an accomplished racist" who is involved in Toronto's far-right Heritage Front. Arrested recently, the woman had in her possession a firearms acquisition certificate.

"She was preparing to arm herself," Dunphy said. "She rushed out and got the certificate within a month of turning 18."

Members of some organized racist groups are convinced that a cataclysmic racial war is inevitable, Dunphy said, and may attempt to provoke one. Observing that their numbers are growing, he said the Heritage Front, which once could attract only about 30 people to a meeting, now gets 200.

"In a few years, there's going to be three, four, five times the core of the original group, and that to me is something to be very concerned about."

Dunphy, who covered two birthday celebrations for Adolf Hitler in April, lamented that extremists are using the theatrical production of *Show Boat* to make race the predominant issue in Toronto.

"They're working very hard to polarize the community," he said. "They're trying to deny everyone else a middle ground, and the success that they're having at that scares me more than the firearms certificates. Because that kind of trouble will last a very long time."

Dunphy spoke as part of a panel entitled Fighting Indifference: A Wake-Up Call to Canada. The evening was sponsored by the Young Maccabees, the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto. Presented as the Alan Coatsworth Memorial Lecture, the panel was moderated by Karen Mock, the League's national director.

David Crane, business editor of the *Toronto Star*, spoke about the troubled world economy and the need to alleviate unemployment and other conditions that lead to the alienation of youth.

"It doesn't make sense to me that people in their late teens and twenties can get welfare cheques but they can't get our help to get them back into the mainstream of society," he said.

Warren Kinsella, author and special assistant to federal Liberal leader Jean Chretien, warned of the "unholy alliances" between Libya, Iran, Syria and other foreign governments and various hate groups in Canada. *Unholy Alliances* is the title of Kinsella's book exposing Libyan-funded espionage activities in Canada since 1986.

"I regard it as a very big threat that neo-Nazis and far-right skinheads are receiving funding from abroad," he said. "This unholy alliance will continue to grow as long as our government stands by and does nothing. The time to act is now."

League's Mock outlines weapons to fight war on anti-Semitism

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — The law, community action and education are the three most powerful weapons in the war against racism and anti-Semitism and the battle must be waged on all fronts, says one expert.

Dr. Karen Mock, national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, spoke here recently on Combating Hate: Canadian Realities and Remedies. The lecture at the JCC was the second in a series of programs presented by the community relations committee of the Hamilton-Wentworth and Area Jewish Federation.

In a brief overview of the Canadian reality, Mock said that although there had been a post-war decline in anti-Semitism, we are today witnessing "an upsurge in hate activity and hate propaganda."

She also remarked on the recent proliferation of Ku Klux Klan and white supremacist groups and activities, racist skinhead rallies and the increase in racially motivated crimes "right across the country.

"What worries us most," she said, "is how these groups are becoming bolder and bolder, are recruiting right on campuses and in the schools, coming right into the school yards with their pamphlets and signing kids up."

Though warned several years ago that this might happen, schools dismissed it as nothing to worry about. But now, "our phones are ringing off the hook, asking for help and we are continually working with schools and school boards and police to help give students and teachers strategies they need to combat this kind of thing," Mock said.

While hate propaganda and the promotion of hatred against identifiable groups have been criminal offences in Canada since 1970, she said "there is almost universal agreement on the need for more effective laws to deal with hate propaganda."

Changes to strengthen the effectiveness of existing legislation have been proposed by the League, several other organizations and many studies and commissions, she added. The League will, "when we can, continue to lay charges against hatemongers and to take these cases as far as we can."

Working "very constructively" with the media to assist them in presenting a more balanced view is another essential weapon in the war against racism. "It is the media's responsibility to present a much more balanced view than they are doing at present."

Mock also recommends working together with other groups because "co-ordinated community action not only raises awareness and increases vigilance, but also reduces fear and promotes security and solidarity in the fight against racism.

"When people from diverse backgrounds work together, they also learn more about each other, thereby reducing stereotyping."

The key, however, is education. Mock believes that "the battle against racism, anti-Semitism and hate propaganda will ultimately be won only through increased efforts to incorporate multicultural, anti-racist and human rights education in our schools" and that it must be started "as early as possible."

In reply to a question, Mock agreed that Canada is probably the most multicultural country in the world.

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Students from different ethnic and cultural groups at Vaughan Secondary School get to know each other at the recent Face to Face program, which was modelled on the program for young Jews and Arabs at Israel's Givat Haviva Institute.

School adapts Israel program to promote ethnic interaction

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Face to Face, a program originally designed to break down barriers between young Jews and Arabs in Israel, was used recently at Thornhill's Vaughan Secondary School in a pilot project designed to promote interaction among students from different ethnic backgrounds.

The third of four two-hour sessions begins with a deceptively simple game of "Fruit Salad." Participants, seated in a circle, scramble for new seats when a teacher-facilitator calls their assigned fruit names.

Israeli educator Shuli Dichter, 37, looks on, beaming, at the Canadian version of the program he initiated at the Givat Haviva Institute in 1981. Dichter, who will return to Israel in August, is the institute's overseas representative.

"I always start my workshops with this," he says, explaining that the game breaks up tight groups who tend to stay together. It also provokes giggles and within minutes creates a more comfortable atmosphere.

Fruit Salad is followed by a similar Musical Chairs-type game, but categories this time engender thought as well as laughter. "People who have been told by an older person they're not practising their faith as they should," is one such category. Categories are offered by both students and facilitators, whoever is in the centre of the circle.

"[The facilitators] are doing this just perfectly," enthuses Dichter, who trained three Vaughan teachers and one community centre worker to run the program.

"They go through the process we expect the students to go through," says Dichter. Teachers meet frequently throughout the course of Face to Face to discuss its progress. The program can't be run by the book, Dichter emphasizes, and "teachers are the key."

For the second half of the two-hour session, teachers pair groups so that students in each group can interview and be interviewed by a group of their counterparts. Students are advised to be honest and to remember that they are speaking as individuals, not as representatives of every member of their group. Questions deal with issues such as cultural expectations regarding careers, education and interdating.

"Through this I realize I do have things in common [with Jewish kids] and I can relate to them," says Narveen Dosanjh, an articulate 16-year-old from a traditional Sikh family. Of all the students in the school, the Jewish students are probably the ones she's had the least interaction with, she says.

Two of the Jewish students say that although they talk to students from a variety of backgrounds, the ones they consider friends outside of school are mostly Jewish.

Helen Esseis, 17, found the program interesting and was surprised to discover how interested her fellow students were in learning more about Judaism.

"I love it," says Dichter, who finds the Canadian students very receptive to the program.

"We have worked from the beginning [to foster] multiculturalism and integration," Ron Mintz, school principal, told *The CJN*. The school, which opened less than four years ago, has grown from 750 to 1,600 students, representing at least five major cultures or religions. "Face to Face fits within the milieu of what we're doing," Mintz said.

Face to face, which Dichter initiated in Toronto at the urging of members of Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva, is recognized as necessary by many school principals in Israel, Dichter said. Today 2,000 youngsters a year visit Givat Haviva for intensive three-day Face to Face workshops.

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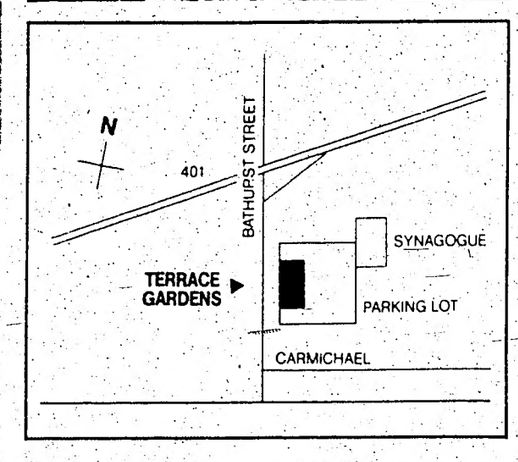

Intermarriage

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — With incidence of intermarriage on an upward spiral, rabbis often find themselves on the frontlines of this contentious issue, approached for their advice both by distraught parents and uncertain young people.

But as they do on other issues, rabbis split on the approaches they take in responding to intermarriages.

Rabbi Moshe Stern, vice-president of the Orthodox Vaad Harabanim, believes that intermarriage is "a very serious problem" that affects primarily the non-Orthodox community.

(U.S. sociologist Egon Mayer said U.S. data shows that among the children of those identifying themselves as Orthodox, the rate of intermarriage is 24 percent, less than half the overall mixed marriage rate.)

Rabbi Stern, rabbi at the Shaarei Tefilah Synagogue, believes that parents have become more accepting of intermarriage as a choice for their children. "They have to make it very plain and clear that [their child] is inflicting great pain and suffering on the family.

"Parents have to say, 'we love you, but we cannot condone it. We never will accept it and the non-Jewish spouse will not be welcome into our home.'

"This sounds severe, and perhaps it is severe, but what is at stake is the future of the Jewish nation. When we are wishy-washy with our feelings and pretend everything's okay and that life goes on normally, then the signals we are sending is that intermarriage is an acceptable proposition."

Rabbi Stern said that "when Jewish homes are devoid of daily Jewish practices and mitzvot observances and where children are given little or no Jewish education, or where Jewish education, when it is provided, is not manifested in the home, this breeds the environment that leads to intermarriage."

Rabbi Stern said that faced with the fait accompli of a mixed marriage, conversion can be an option in the future. That conversion must be done in accordance with halachic standards, and only if the non-Jewish partner genuinely wishes to become a Jew. He said Orthodox rabbis would not convert someone who wishes to become Jewish merely for the convenience of a marriage or where the Jewish partner is not observant.

Rabbi Mark Dratch, of the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, one of the Toronto's largest Orthodox shuls, agreed that the key to preventing intermarriage, as well as assimilation, is through creation of a "positive Jewish family life" and raising children to be committed Jews.

Intermarriage presents a difficult situation, "one I struggle with," he said. "On the one hand, you're talking about the survival of the Jewish people, our obligation to history and the community at large; on the other hand, the needs and pains of individuals.

Asked how he counsels parents who come to him for advice, Rabbi Dratch said "every case is individual. Sometimes you advise them that if they take a stern stand, they can stop the intermarriage. Other times, they could alienate and lose the child."

A "soft approach" where parents remain in contact with their child might in some circumstances change their minds and put an end to marriage plans; or sometimes a conversion of the non-Jewish spouse might be the answer, Rabbi Dratch said.

But these are merely tactics towards the goal of preventing mixed marriage, he conceded.

The problem in many cases is that the children do not see why the parents are so upset, he continued. The parents have failed to show them the beauty of Jewish life and the children do not see any major differences between themselves and their non-Jewish partner. And so children are shocked when their parents object to a mixed marriage.

As rabbi at the Reform Holy Blossom Temple, Rabbi Dow Marmur has taken the position that the community must try to "integrate" the marriage partners into the community.

Rabbi Dow Marmur

Rabbi Marmur has proposed to the federation task force studying intermarriage that a community-wide conversion program be implemented under the auspices of a new Beth Din — one consisting of three Orthodox rabbis and rabbis from other streams of Judaism as well. The Beth Din would "set the curriculum, establish standards and welcome genuine converts to Judaism."

He also urged the task force to undertake large scale singles programs to help young people find Jewish mates. One aspect of such a program that could attract large numbers would be a singles meeting in Israel.

Rabbi Marmur believes intermarriage "is one of many problems in life towards which there is no solution, only responses. And there are many responses."

He believes the community can have an impact on intermarriage "if we acknowledge that people intermarry and we ask, how can we bring them back into [the Jewish fold].

"Of course, we don't want [intermarriage] to happen, but it does happen and no amount of rabbinic statements are going to change that."

He said "parents, however marginally attached to Judaism, are often devastated at the thought of having non-Jewish grandchildren."

They realize too late that whatever Jewish institutions they sent their children to was not enough. The problem can be prevented only by serving as good role models and ensuring a Jewish home life, he added.

Rabbi Marmur said his experience shows that in many cases, the non-Jewish marriage partner is more interested in Judaism than the Jewish one, who may not always represent his or her religion well.

Despite their discomfort at a mixed marriage and their aversion to the idea of a non-Jewish grandchild, parents usually accomodate themselves to the reality of the situation with all of its tensions, he said.

Rabbi Marmur suggested that the more attractive the parents make Judaism, the more likely the non-Jewish partner might be to convert to Judaism.

Rabbi Irvin Beigel of the Conservative Beth Tzedec Congregation said there are no simple solutions to the question of intermarriage. "Many approaches could be helpful, but what we really have to tackle is bringing people closer to Jewish observance and Jewish involvement. That would lessen the liklihood of intermarriage.

"If we are going to create committed Jewish adults, it has to be in the school, in the home and in the synagogue. All three have to have an impact on a child's life."

Rabbi Wayne Allen of the Conservative Beth Tikvah Synagogue, said he advises parents not to accept the validity of the intermarriage. "I counsel parents to take a very strong line," he said.

If it appears, however, that the marriage will take place regardless of their wishes, they should push for a conversion. Failing that, he advises that parents could still express their unhappiness at a mixed marriage while voicing their love for their child at the same time.

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Organizations and People

Kingston teen's efforts lauded with Junior Citizen honor

By FRANCES KRAFT

Jessica Manley

TORONTO — Jessica Manley considers herself lucky. "So much has been given to me," said the Grade 11 student in a recent telephone interview, reflecting on her childhood experience with epilepsy.

In fact, it's the Kingston community who is fortunate to have Jessica and her family. Jessica's thousands of hours of volunteer work were recognized recently when she was named one of Ontario's 12 Junior Citizens of the Year for 1992.

A former national poster child for Epilepsy Canada, Jessica, who has been seizure-free for about four years, recently founded the Epilepsy Kingston Teen Organization, a peer support group for teens with epilepsy. The group addresses problems such as people's reactions to epilepsy, which is often of more concern than the disorder itself, Jessica explained.

Being a poster child at the age of nine affected her, she said. It was around that time that her parents, Paul and Katherine, established Epilepsy Kingston, and Jessica began giving speeches on the organization's behalf. Jessica enjoys public speaking and felt that it was valuable because "if people know more about it, they'll be more understanding."

In 1989 she was a keynote speaker for the Kingston and District United Way campaign.

"Jessica has always been an extraordinarily sensitive person. She's very community-minded, as is her sister [Rebecca, a student at the University of Toronto]," says her mother.

"She really is a super young lady," says Eli Rubenstein of United Israel Appeal, who got to know Jessica last year when she participated in March of the Living.

Most of Jessica's extracurricular activities demonstrate her caring and affinity for others. A Sunday school teacher to 8 and 9-year-olds at Kingston's Temple Iyr Ha'Melech, where her family are members, she also runs a synagogue youth group. Last summer, through her connections with NELFTY (North Eastern Lakes Federation of Temple Youth), she was a camp counsellor in Cleveland.

Concern about the environment has led her to become involved in a campaign for the elimination of chlorine in diapers and feminine hygiene products.

The co-president of Amnesty International at Kingston Collegiate, she is active in a number of school groups dealing with equality and racism. She was a Palestinian delegate at the 1992 Queen's University Model United Nations at a local high school, and has also been a delegate for Bolivia and Israel at similar programs. "One of the good things is that you see things from a lot of different perspectives," she says about the experience.

Jessica is modest about her multiple commitments, which include playing on her school soccer team. "I enjoy what I do," she said. "That's really important. I still have time to spare." She credits her parents and sister for setting an example by "giving of their time and energy."

NCJW members get awards

TORONTO — Four members of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada have received Ontario Ministry of Citizenship Volunteer Service Awards for 1993.

Gloria Strom, Shelley Sukerman, Sarah Schneider and Evelyn Bernstein were honoured for their contributions to the Jewish and wider communities.

Strom is one of the founders and a Board member of the Bernard Betel Centre, and has served on the Board of Temple Sinai and on the Board of Overseers, Hebrew College, Cincinatti. Bernstein works with organizations such as Baycrest, Jewish Camp Council and the North York Guidance Department.

London, Ont. resident Sukerman has been involved with the London Art Gallery, the London Community Hebrew Day School and National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, London section.

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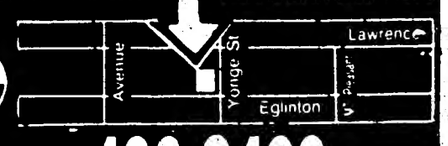

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Immigrants take part in Bingo

NORTH YORK — On April 27, about 100 recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Sarajevo participated in their first Bingo evening.

The event was held at Council-House. It was co-hosted by the recently-formed Russian-speaking Druzhba (Friendship) Branch of National Council of Jewish Women Toronto section, the Russian Integration committee of Jewish Women's Federation and the Community Integration Program (CIP).

A group of United Synagogue Youth members from Beth Sholom Synagogue volunteered to help at the program. The teenagers were wonderful in instructing the Bingo players on the rules of the game.

Selena Kovshoff, CIP's secretary, volunteered her services as Bingo caller for the evening. Her enthusiasm was contagious and greatly contributed to the fun had by all participants.

Several players brought their young children along. Childcare was available, and the youngsters were treated to videos, prizes and refreshments while their parents had an opportunity to relax.

Immigrants enjoy Bingo at Council House.

CIP's mandate is to address the integration needs of newly-arrived Russian and Sarajevan immigrants with the participation of community organizations, families and individuals. The ultimate goal of CIP is to facilitate the newcomers to live rich and meaningful Jewish lives in their new home in Canada. For more information, call CIP director, Trudy Shecter at 631-5680.

Fantasy proves a real delight

TORONTO — The premiere of Milton Barnes's *Fantasy on Jewish Themes*, performed by the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and their guests, The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, delighted the audience at the group's 68th annual spring concert on May 2.

Some 500 people cheered conductor and composer Barnes at the conclusion of *Fantasy*. The 15-minute piece ended with a traditional Chassidic *Chiri Biri Bim*.

Fantasy is just that. Barnes takes well-known Yiddish songs, like Mark Varshavsky's *Mechutonim Gelen* (The Wedding Party's Entrance), and gives them his own twist, keeping the words and spirit intact but transforming the tune.

In Mordechai Gebirtig's *Drai Techterlech* (Three Daughters), Barnes uses the familiar buoyant melody but adds a plaintive humming chorus to show the mother's feelings of emptiness. He also varies the texture of the love song *Oifn Oivn Zitzt a Meidl* (A Girl Sits Above the Oven) through a capella. Tenor Michael Mandel put heart and soul into his solos for *Fantasy*, the composition of which was funded by a grant from the Toronto Arts Council.

The first half of the concert, too, was impressive. The choir and soloists Eugene Burke and Denise Williams moved the audience with their sensitive interpretations of beloved melodies by Avrom Goldfadden, the founder of modern Yiddish theatre who died 85 years ago. Especially appreciated were *Heisse Babkelach* (Hot Buns), *Dinele's Lid Bam Milechl* (Dinele's Song at the Little Mill), and *Rozhinkes mit Mandlen* (Raisins and Almonds).

There were other memorable moments. Excerpts from Max Helfman's *Di Naye Hagode* (The New Book of Passover) were stirring, as were three pieces from Winnipeg composer Syd Rabinovich's *Mosiac of Jewish Folksongs* sung briskly in Ladino. Selections from Leonard Berstein's *Chichester Psalms*, concluding with "Hine ma tov u ma nayim . . . ." expressed the dream of peace and understanding on the eve of Israel's Independence Day, while Itzik Feffer's powerful text marking the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was sung before a hushed audience.

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Organizations and People

Health fair educates public

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Is your obsession with food more powerful than your desire to stop overeating? What are the battery of tests that measure the five components of fitness? What is schizophrenia? How is it treated? Who's at risk?

These and hundreds of other questions were answered recently at the Health and Wellness Information Fair sponsored by the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue as part of the synagogue's ongoing lecture series titled Taking Responsibility for Your Health. The focus of the special event was education and awareness.

Deanie Rumack, chair of the continuing education committee at the Beth Emeth, welcomed the more than 700 visitors to the fair. Rabbi Barry Schneider, associate rabbi of the synagogue, delivered a D'var Torah. Mayor Mel Lastman brought greetings from the City of North York and Michael Feldman, a past president of Beth Emeth, spoke about the community outreach programs carried on at the synagogue.

Rumack said that "just as North York is known as the City with Heart, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue has become known as the Synagogue with a Heart."

Some 50 exhibitors, charitable health foundations and self-help organizations presented displays, distributed educational materials and answered questions.

Throughout the day, more than 15 video presentations were shown on a large screen, graphically describing medical problems and advances in areas such as arthritis, asthma, the thyroid and leukemia. As well, lectures and demonstrations took place on a variety of topics including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, lupus, lung diseases and Crohn's colitis. The demonstrations included cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Taoist Tai Chi.

Vendors of natural foods, nutritional supplements, bicycle helmets and streetproofing courses for women and children were on hand. Those manning the booths were willing to help resolve many health-related queries.

Among the professionals exhibiting at the health fair were a chiropractor, denturist, optometrist, and a pharmacist from Shoppers Drug Mart. You could even be tested for your level of stress.

Several women at a booth of the Ontario Breast Screening Program spoke of the program recommended for women over 50 and funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health. An appointment, they said, takes only 45 minutes and test results are sent to the woman and to her family doctor. Those who come to one of the centres leave with the knowledge of how to properly carry on a self-examination.

Rumack said the response to the fair "has been very enthusiastic and the involvement of synagogue members, many of whom have never met or worked on committees, has succeeded to bring together volunteers from our Sisterhood, Brotherhood and youth to make this exciting community outreach program an educational success." Organizers had a waiting list of foundations who wished to participate.

Louise Rosenbloom, the immediate past president of the Tourette Syndrome Foundation, was one of the numerous volunteers. Rosenbloom spoke of her son Mark, now 24, who has outbursts as a result of the disease. She said the first symptoms of Tourette's, ticks, were noticed when Mark was just 10 years old.

"It usually manifests itself between the ages of two and 16 and is more prevalent in boys." Rosenbloom explained that at one time, Tourette Syndrome (TS) was considered rare because many cases were misdiagnosed. "The latest figures for all degrees of TS has risen to one in a thousand and contrary to belief, it hits every race." She said Mark is trying to establish a business working out of the house "because working in an office or commercial setting is very difficult for this type of TS."

The synagogue also set up the Just For the Health Of It Cafe, which served light refreshments and was a good place to rest weary feet.

"People were so impressed with the displays, the knowledgeable people, the organizations, size and scope of the fair," said Rumack. Many visitors expressed the sentiment that such a health and wellness program "was very informative and we hope it will become an annual event."

Deanie Rumack, is seen at the opening of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's Health and Wellness Information Fair with the synagogue's Associate Rabbi Barry Schneider.

Trump delights Saskatoon event

By LINDA EPSTEIN

SASKATOON — In the three years that Saskatoon Hadassah-WIZO and the Saskatoon Jewish Community have sponsored the Silver Spoon Dinner, it has become the event to attend. This year was no different.

Nearly 800 women attended the May 3 event at Saskatoon's Centennial Auditorium. They were there for a night of fine food, outstanding prize packages and a chance to hear the entrepreuneurial secrets of Ivana Trump.

Everyone was wined, dined and pampered from start to finish. From the honor guard at the door, made up of members of Saskatoon's new basketball team, the Slam, offering each woman a carnation to the hot towels distributed at the beginning of the gourmet meal to the after dinner liqueur, the dinner was an exercise in elegance.

Trump, following in the footsteps of past Silver Spoon speakers Dr. Ruth Westheimer and Joan Rivers, sparked a lot of interest. "Don't believe everything you read about me," she warned. "I have learned to laugh a great deal about what is written about me in the press."

Speaking with charm and a Czechoslovakian accent, Trump turned to her topic of the evening, Women Who Dare. She acknowledged that she had been very fortunate in her life. However, she reminded the crowd that she still had the same hopes, dreams and challenges that many others in the room held. "I'm a single parent, a working mother, an executive and an entrepreneur," she said. "I have the same 24 hours to balance my day, the same principles for survival and success. I'm still Ivana.

Discipline required to succeed

"Being a mother is a priority for me. If I can instill in my children not to cheat, steal, lie, take drugs or drink, it will be my greatest accomplishment.

Trump told the crowd it takes discipline, focus and teamwork to succeed. She advised that women should plan their goals, organize their time and resources, set their priorities, and treat others with respect. "Within all of us are the seeds of success," she said. "Take the risk to reach your full potential."

Throughout the evening, prize packages and cash were handed out in a reverse draw. Prizes included paintings, tickets to *Phantom of the Opera* and singer Tina Turner, a leather jacket, a trip to West Edmonton Mall and even a bed. In all, almost 200 merchants donated gifts and prizes.

Each year the Silver Spoon Committee honors an outstanding woman who has enriched the community. This year's honoree was Lynda Newson. In addition to her professional experience as a teacher, home maker and business owner, Newson, has served the community as a volunteer in the area of women's issues. She has just been elected national vice-president of the National Council of Jewish Women. She thanked the sponsors and agreed with Trump that the best way to achieve a goals is to work together. "It takes a wonderful team of women."

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Blox Furniture presents a great new idea

When Paul Ruminski, a graphic artist and industrial designer, was looking for furniture for his 3-year-old son's bedroom about two years ago, he found nothing that caught his eye.

Instead of settling for something less than he really wanted, Ruminski decided to put his own expertise to work and create his own furniture. The result, was not only a bedroom of furniture for his son, but the creation of Blox Furniture, an entire line of well-made, safe furniture for children of all ages.

"I created Blox Furniture with children in mind. Shelves are attached and sturdy for all those little climbers and corners are rounded. As well, the look is very interesting. The lines, with peaks and domes, are architectural. What I've done is taken traditonal shapes and made them contemporary," says Ruminski.

The furniture, which includes beds, two or three door cabinets, an open cabinet with an exposed shelf, and a desk, is made of birch veneer on top of a high density material and finished with acrylic eurothane. Throughout the unit, is a slight wood grain protrusion that gives the piece a woody texture.

"All of our pieces interlock and installation is done by an experienced tradesperson in the client's home. The components are always in stock so we are talking about a fairly short delivery time. What the client does is give us a call and we will come out and see the room, put together a floor plan and make a visual presentation of how the system will look. Our units are great not only for bedrooms, but also for a computer room or den. If a sophisticated color is chosen, the furniture is perfect for a home office and with a choice of 3,000 colors, there really is a color for every taste," Ruminski says.

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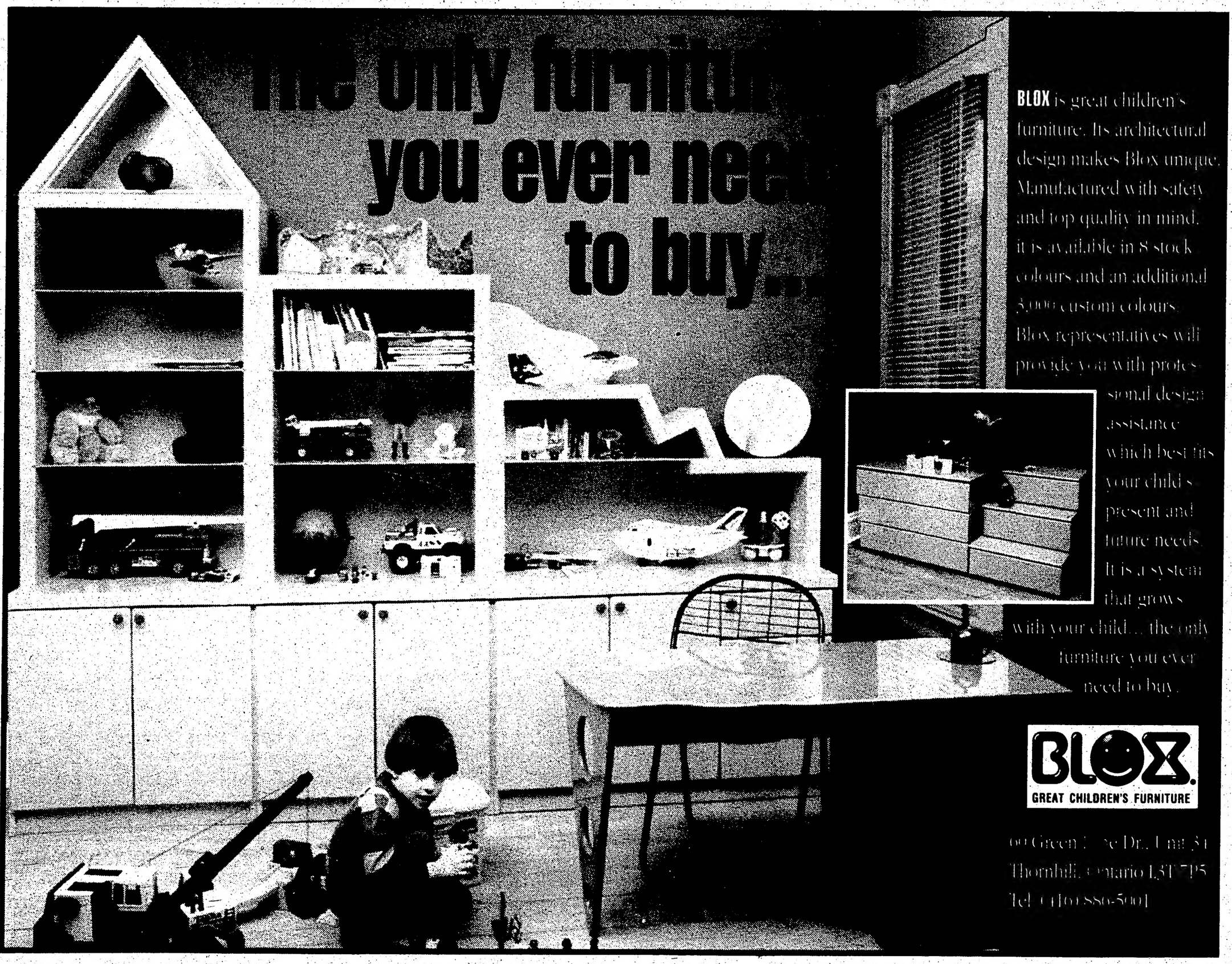
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"By applying the personal hand cleaning method," states Koifman, "we can clean all the cracks and crevices that machines can't reach. We clean each wheel and tire individually. White walls are white again. Intricate designs on wheels and hubcaps are recognizable.

Another service that Mirror Image offers is steam cleaning your engine. This process degreases and removes oil and grease from engine parts, compartments and surfaces. A clean engine runs cooler, has a prolonged life and is a lot nicer to look at.

"The interior of your car is just as important as the exterior," says Eisenberg. "We start by shampooing carpets and upholstery, removing stains and dirt build up. Leather seats are cleaned with mild saddle soap, treated and moisturized to protect them from aging and cracking. It also leaves the car with a pleasant smell. We focus our cleaning on the very small areas that are not attended to in the normal maintenance of a car. All surfaces in and on the car are treated individually with specific processes. There is a different procedure for cleaning painted metal, chrome, glass, rubber, vinyl, leather, fabrics and wood.

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LifeStyle

Party planning show at Bayview Village

For the first time ever, Bayview Village Shopping Centre at the corner of Bayview and Sheppard will be hosting a party planning show.

Debbie Werner, marketing coordinator for the shopping centre, says that while many centres host bridal shows, Bayview Village is one of the first to sponsor a show that allows clientele to plan for all their lifecycle celebrations, from birthday parties to bar/bat mitzvahs to graduations.

Anyone who has ever had to plan any type of party knows how aggravating it can be to have to run from one place to the next to find all the right party planning components. That is why the people at Bayview Village thought that the centre would be the perfect place to host a party show because so many of the elements are covered right in the mall.

Prospective hosts can stop into such places as Capelli Hair and Aesthetics for a make up and hair consultation; A La Card to choose invitations or arrange to have calligraphy done; Grant's Fine China to choose a gift or register for bridal showers and weddings; numerous formal wear stores including Sinardi for men and Camari for women; Van Bassen Florists for expert advice on choosing flowers for the occasion; or Neptune's Cove, Max's Deli or Bregman's for catering ideas.

For services not provided by Bayview Village tenants, the centre is bringing in exhibitors to fill the gaps. A wealth of amenities including limousine rentals, disc jockeys, party planners, photographers, linen, table, tent or costume rentals, reception halls and musicians will be at the show. In fact, Bayview Village itself will be dressed for a party courtesy of the balloon decorators exhibit. Visitors will delight in the party scene in central court where mannequins in evening wear will dine at fully set tables. "Our intention is for customers at Bayview Village to see us in a new light — as their one-stop party planning centre," Werner adds.

Promotional programs

The Party Planning Show is just one example of Bayview Village's continuing promotional programs. Other upcoming events include a sports car show, May 26-May 30 featuring the latest in fine automobiles. A fitness week will be held the first week in June which will highlight such things as healthy, active living and step class demonstrations.

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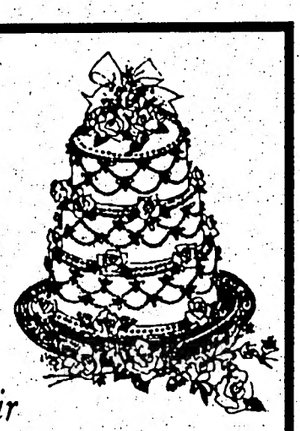

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The company is operated by Roland Spiegel and Shlomo Sharer. Spiegel is a clinical physiologist and kinesiologist. Sharer holds a master's degree in pharmacology. While at the University of Toronto, he researched muscle function.

Spiegel and Sharer say people suffering from multiple sclerosis, paralysis and other ailments affecting their muscles can benefit from Myoflex's program of muscle stimulation and strengthening, using state-of-the-art equipment.

The treatment program strengthens upper and lower body muscles, as well as improving circulation. As a result, the wheelchair-bound avoid seat sores and the bedridden can be bedsore-free without being turned over regularly.

After a single session, a client experiences fatigue, exactly the same type produced by exercise. What they do not feel, says Spiegel, is the pain of a strenuous workout.

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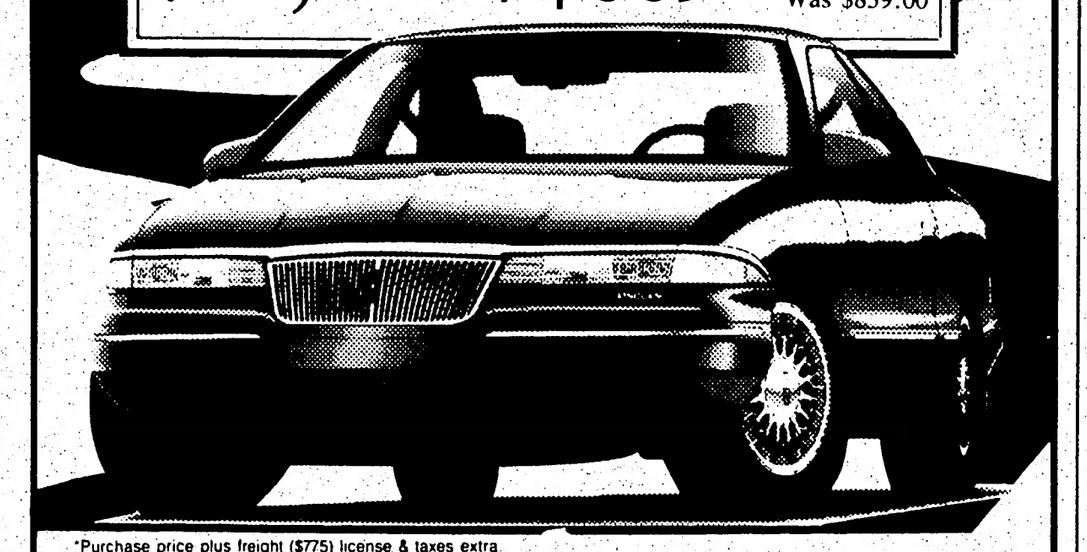

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"We wanted to offer Toronto diners the absolute best in glatt kosher catering, with the opportunity to enjoy it either in their own home or in a dining facility that meets all their expectations. And we wanted to do it without compromising our in-house services."

The in-house staff was bolstered by the addition of Agi Dunec, who now manages the pastry department. After carefully investigating several potential sites, Chopstix selected the Montecassino Place Hotel.

Located at Sheppard and Chesswood, the Montecassino Place was recently rebuilt from the ground up and boasts splendid banquet facilities for 20 to 1000 people. All functions catered by Chopstix on these premises are under the strict supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Full-scale catering services are also provided at Chopstix, located at 3426 Bathurst Street between Lawrence and Wilson.

The name "Chopstix" suggests that oriental cuisine is the order of the day, so people unfamiliar with the Chopstix menu will be surprised to find a wide range of appetizing dishes – both in-house and catered– from Italian to deli to, yes, Chinese. According to Manricks, the sheer variety of the menu made the catering project an ambitious one.

"We're not trying to be all things to all people" he says. We **are** trying to be **a number of good things** to all people. There's been a tendency, at least in Toronto, for glatt kosher restaurants to offer a limited menu in less-than-elegant surroundings. Because the demand is greater than the supply, people who insist on glatt kosher dining have been limited in their choices. Finding a reasonable restaurant with good food was difficult, let alone an attractive place with great food."

Though well-received from day one from a culinary standpoint, Chopstix felt it could improve its physical environment. To that end, it undertook a major renovation. The result is a charming, richly-textured interior that ranks with the ritziest Toronto has to offer. Glass block and marble blend smartly with soft green and peach tones.

Elegant dining rooms at Montecassino Place Hotel (left) and at Chopstix (right)

"You wouldn't believe how many people still tell me they're shocked that a glatt kosher restaurant can look this good" says Manricks. "Naturally, this raises their expectations regarding the food."

Chopstix fulfills these expectations with house favourites such as crispy sesame beef, General Tao chicken, rack of lamb, fresh red snapper and rainbow trout. Now, with the catering services, "the sky's the limit. We can make almost anything to order, from traditional Jewish cuisine to "theme" menus with dishes of different geographic origins: Chinese, Italian . . . we can make it and make it well."

Chopstix also offers a selection of mouth-watering desserts, both in-house and catered, that add the "final touch" to your special meal.

Manricks is quick to point out that small parties will still find themselves very well served at Chopstix, with a private party room that is fully separated from the main dining room by a curtained glass wall.

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Travel In Israel

Varied landscape offers a walk on the wild side

By DEBBIE VADAS

You're tired of watching your vacation speed by through the panes of a tour bus? You want to explore the essence, the indigenous life of an exotic new destination? Perhaps you are becoming more ecologically minded, and you would prefer to see nature rather than hotel lobbies and souvenir shops?

Israel is the perfect choice for nature lovers, and Israel can make a nature buff out of anyone. Tourists from around the world have been arriving in Israel in droves to see the spectacular historical and archaeological attractions here. Biblical names such as Jerusalem, the Galilee, Bethlehem and Nazareth have drawn scores of pilgrims, and sun-seekers from far and wide have thronged Israel's sandy beaches, health spas and vacation resorts. But few people know that Israel is a treasure chest of rare and unusual wildlife!

Flora and fauna abound from north to south in this country of surprises. More than 2,000 species of plant life represent the greatest concentration of floral wealth in such a tiny area, and to date about 100 breeds of mammals are known along with an equal number of reptiles. To name a few, hyenas, jackals, wild cats, lynx, otters, monogoose, weasels, wolves, leopards, porcupines, hedgehogs, shrews and even bears call Israel home. In addition, many near-extinct animals are protected under strict laws and have multiplied several times over.

Although Israel is only the size of Vancouver Island, it is divided into a number of very distinct geographica regions, such as stark desert, snow-capped mountain range, sandy coastal plain, verdant valley and sparkling sea. Each region has its own unique nature to explore.

Deceptively barren from above, the Negev hides a treasure trove of wildlife and exploration opportunities. It is here, at the point where Europe meets Eurasia and the Arava and Transjordan deserts converge that you can find scattered oases, great stretches of limestone, red Nubian sandstone and a myriad of desert creatures that dwell in the dunes and cracks.

Wind, rain and erosion have created swirling layers of cliffs and eddies. During the winter months you may actually witness a rainfall of only a few centimetres followed by a torrential flashflood; this occurs because the water is not absorbed by the parched ground. But when the floods are spent, the Negev erupts in exquisitely colored wild flowers, grasses and tamarisk.

The Arava, meaning "desert plain" in Hebrew, also spells "miracle" for it is in this elongated expanse of ochre that young kibbutzniks have transformed an arid dust bowl into a garden of fruit, vegetables and flowers, despite sizzling 40 degree temperatures and harsh terrain laden with salts.

In the middle of the Negev lies Ein Avdat, a gaping canyon sliced out of the earth. A hidden spring, fed by rainwater, under the sheer limestone cliffs offers a tempting place for a cool dip. This is home to dozens of ibex, gazelles, and rock badgers.

King Solomon was one of the first to exploit the natural resources of the desert. Dating back to the Chalcolithic-Early Bronze Age, the King's copper mines at Timna are the earliest shaft and gallery mines ever discovered. First worked 6,000 years ago and later used by the Egyptians, the mines and Timna Valley form a landscape rarity. Here, sand and wind have carved the vast Nubian sandstone formations called "Solomon's Pillars." You can see original engravings of animals and flowers in the rock. A handy exhibit tells the story of copper mining in ancient times.

Nearby is the famous "Hai Bar Biblical Wildlife Reserve," 8,000 acres of natural haven for biblical animals which would otherwise have become extinct. This unusual game park's conservationists have imported and bred a variety of Biblical animals such as ostriches, white oryx, addox, wild asses and deer.

Heading south, the Negev culminates in the sun-drenched port city of Eilat on the Red Sea. One of the most spectacular sites for nature lovers in Eilat is the Z"Coral World Underwater Observatory." Marine enthusiasts will delight in the vividly tinted coral deposits and multi-hued fishes in this underwater garden.

Located five kilometres from the sunny resort centre, the project is comprised of three one-storey buildings on the beach and the observatory itself 100 metres out to sea in a part of the coral reef known as the Japanese Gardens. Two buildings of the three are the Maritime Museum and the Aquarium, and the third is a cafeteria. The museum contains scores of shells, fish, and assorted aquatic creatures.

Three open seashore pools contain sea turtles and sharks in an enclosed coral reef. Since the water in the gulf is crystal clear, you can watch tropical fish darting in and out of the corals or swimming by in shoals. The brilliant rainbow of sea life, fluorescent corals and luminescent fish make Coral World an incredible experience that was previously open only to divers.

To get a little closer to the scaly society, you can take a glass-bottom boat out into the Red Sea. Marked signposts underwater explain the reef's phenomenon. Of course, to go all the way, you can dive right in by renting flippers and snorkel or full scuba gear at a number of outlets. Professional divers attest to the Red Sea being the best diving spot in the world, surprising even Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

Two new attractions in Eilat are the "Yellow Submarine" and "Dolphins Reef." Unique in Israel and the world, Dolphin Reef offers a special opportunity to play with and observe dolphins and sea lions in their natural environment. At other dolphinariums, visitors see these animals as circus performers.

Dolphins swim in an enclosed area of the sea in front of the Reef's bathing beach, and piers and rafts allow for optimal viewing. At the diving centre everyone has a chance to "meet" the dolphins underwater! Diving instructors take those interested on an introductory dive and guided dives are available for certified divers.

You may not live in a yellow submarine, but now you have a chance to ride in one — in Eilat. This popular new attraction is yet another option to visit with the underwater life of the Red Sea.

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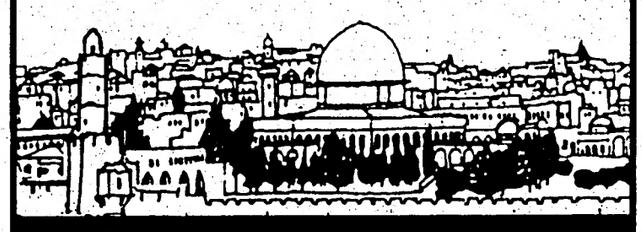

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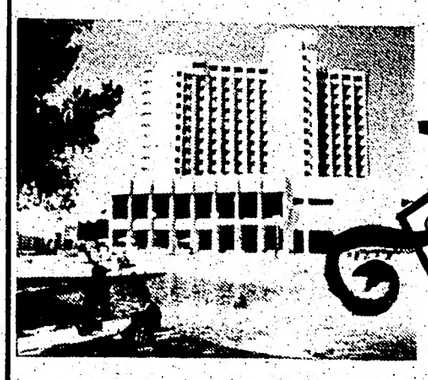

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Birdwatchers flock to Israel

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three continents — Europe, Asia and Africa — is the best choice for yet another natural activity: birdwatching. Massive bird migrations follow seasonal relocations throughout Israel. In fact, international birdwatching experts have discovered that the vicinity of Eilat is the best place in the whole Mediterranean to watch the migrations from Europe to Arabia and Africa and back. Ornithologists and photographers flock to this spot in almost as great numbers as the birds themselves.

A specialty here is birds of prey. Each spring 30 varities of raptors, exceeding a million birds, fly by. In all more than 400 species of birds and waterfowl have been observed.

On the coast north of Tel Aviv, fish ponds attract migrating pelicans, flamingos and Great White Egrets. The Hula Valley in northeastern Israel is temporary home to white and black storks and alpine swifts while the Golan Heights hosts vultures, eagles and buzzards. Desert larks, ravens, falcons, partridge and tawny owls enjoy the oases of Ein Gedi close to the Dead Sea. And to the lower Galilee's Jezreel Valley flock cranes, ravens and grackles.

Birdwatching expeditions can be arranged through a number of Israeli nature organizations.

The Galilee covers northern Israel from the central Jezreel Valley all the way to Israel's northern border. The lower Galilee is lush rolling hills and pine forests while the upper section is a series of mountainous heights, gorges, rifts, peaks and basins.

In spring and summer the entire Galilee is carpeted with wild flowers stretching between the villages, farms and vineyards which dot the countryside. In the morning you can water ski at Tiberias on the freshwater Sea of Galilee, and in the afternoon snow ski on Mount Hermon, a mere 50 minutes away.

Hamat Gader, another exciting prospect, is situated on the Syrio-African rift. This unique geographical phenomenon has created five mineral springs of varying temperatures, two of which are used for bathing. A hot water spring (42 degrees Celsius, 108 degrees Fahrenheit) called "Ein Balsam" flows continuously into thermal pools used for public bathing. A natural spring, it is rich in minerals and sulphurs and its medicinal qualities leave the bather feeling relaxed and healthy. With this continuous in-flow the pool temperature remains constant while the water changes every three hours, 24 hours a day.

The "Ein Bolos" cold water spring (26 degrees Celsius, 79 degrees Fahrenheit) flows alongside Ein Balsam. A tale told by the Benedictine monks claims that when Saint Paul travelled far and wide spreading the word of Jesus Christ, he arrived at Ein Balsam, which was famous even then for its healing powers, in order to heal his sores and rejuvenate. He was healed immediately. He fell on his knees wanting to give thanks, but the hot water had made him so thirsty that his words stuck in his throat. Seeing this, God brought forth a second spring beside him, whose cool waters also had the powers to heal intestinal disorders.

Ancient Rome had also discovered the healing powers of the thermal baths and there they built the most splendid baths of the east, and the second largest of the Roman empire.

Surprisingly Hamat Gader also boasts an alligator farm containing over 2,000 specimens of various ages and types. The rich tropical fauna here allows the gators to live in a nearly natural environment. A convenient walkway lets visitors watch from a close — but safe — distance as the reptiles ravenously feed or laze in the sun.

Nearby, Kibbutz Ha'on on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee is a must-see with its amusing ostrich farm.

You always wanted to be a cowboy? You would rather have "North American grub" than falafel and spicy Mediterranean cuisine? You prefer to by-pass the luxury hotels in favor of a quaint and charming ranch? Try Vered Nagalil. Vered Hagalil, or "Rose of the Galilee," is a guest farm that serves pancakes, southern fried chicken, steak, Irish stew, fresh fish from the Dan River and apple pie a la mode. You can even get peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

There are fifteen guest cottages, tennis courts, a lounge, garden, and swimming pool. But there is more to Vered Hagalil than food and atmosphere. There are in fact teams of horses, six of them pure-bred Arabians, ready to offer a tour of the lush Galilee a whole new way. The guides rarely take the main roads — rather, there are ancient Roman roads, Byzantine roads, old cattle trails. Guests that participate can custom-design a focus on archaeology, religious sites, flora and fauna, or just breathtaking scenery.

Want to ride a camel? You can climb on board and pose for a still life at the panoramic Mount of Olives overlooking the pink and gold domes and towers of Jerusalem. Or, you can call the Israel Nature Trails department of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and join a real camel safari!

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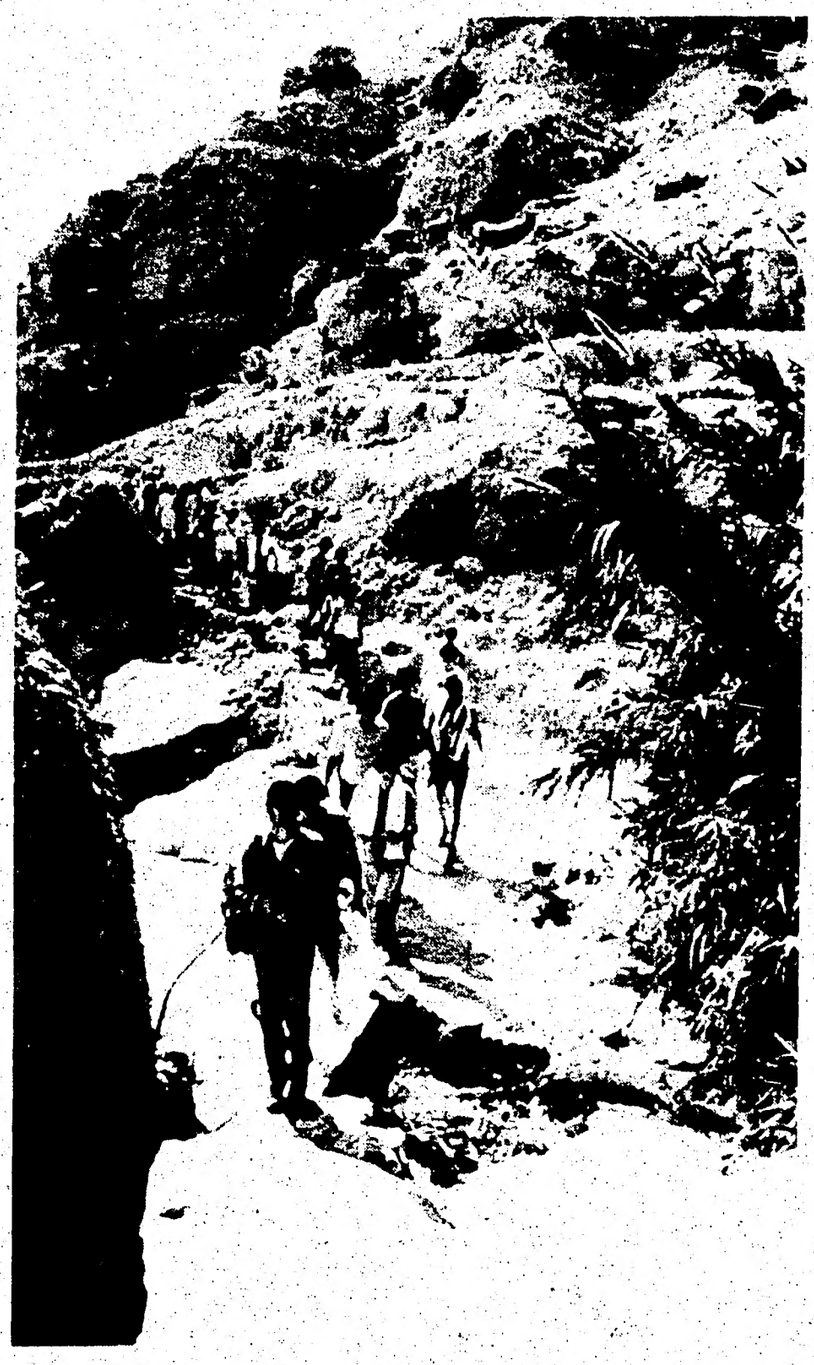

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Fun-filled festivals on tap

Nineteen-ninety-three promises to be a fun-filled and crowded year in Israel, with more activities than ever for the record numbers of tourists arriving in the next few months.

Israel's Independence Day on April 26 kicked off a festivity-packed spring.

Jerusalem Nights (May 15 to 22 in Jerusalem) offer musical performances and nights of pyrotechnic displays. Jerusalem Day on May 19 adds a more sombre note with memorial ceremonies and services at Ammunition Hill to honor those who fell in the re-unification of the capital city in 1967.

Of course, the most famous celebration is the Israel Festival which falls this year from May 26 to June 15 in Jerusalem. This spectacular week of international performances is the highlight of all the spring events. Begun in 1961, the entertainment includes opera, chamber music, jazz, cabaret, contemporary, vocals, and instrumentals.

World-famous orchestras, choirs and soloists will be presented. Theatre productions will feature classics, satires, and modern plays; dance groups will perform ballet, modern, classical and tap. In addition, special events such as puppets, circuses, mimes and others are on the program.

The climax of the Israel Festival will be the staging of the Verdi opera, *Aida*. This performance has been awaited for a long time in Israel, and opera lovers will finally have their chance to enjoy it on a sprawling scale at the open-air Roman Amphitheatre in Caesarea.

Although not an annual event, the Maccabiah Games (this summer from July 5 to 15) are among the best-attended worldwide. The new President of Israel, Ezer Weizman, will open the Games while Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will conduct the closing ceremonies. In Jerusalem the day before there will be a "Salute to our Guests" celebration of Israeli songs and cultural programs in honor of the participants of the Maccabiah Games.

In July, Ashkelon will play host to an Arts & Crafts Fair, while an International Film Festival will be held in Jerusalem. From the 10th to the 13th in Karmiel the 6th Israeli Folkdance Festival will commence, with ethnic groups from Israel and abroad performing. In Arad by the Dead Sea, the Hebrew Song Festival will take place (July 13 to 15).

August, with its long and hot sunny days, will also be a month filled with colorful events. On the 2nd, there will be a countryside "Tu Be'Av" — Feast of Love Day. In the mystical city of Safed in the north (August 2 to 5) there will be the 6th Klezmer Festival of Jewish Soul Music and soon after, from August 3 to 12, Jerusalem will present another arts and crafts fair, featuring handmade items of leather, gold, silver and other metals as well as ceramicss, paintings, and nightly demonstrations and entertainment.

No dates have been announced for the August International Puppet Theatre Festival in Jerusalem, but the event had proven its popularity, especially with children. In the Upper Galilee Region, at Hurshat Tal, there will be a country, folk and blues fiesta called "Jacob's Ladder" on the 20th and 21st. And in the southern port city of Eilat, the Seventh International Red Sea Jazz Festival will be held from August 23rd to the 26th.

This is just a small sample of the many exciting and unique events unfolding in Israel over the next few months. For a more detailed listing of all the events taking place in Israel this year, contact:

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Hikes and treks available

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The SPNI was conceived 40 years ago and is the only mass-participation environmental movement in the Middle East. With over 50,000 families dedicated to preserving Israel's natural heritage and ecology, the SPNT is fast becoming Israel's biggest voluntary organization.

A range of thrilling tours offers outdoorsy types the chance to hike and trek throughout Israel from the very north to the very south. You can explore a maze of wadis, rappel over craggy cliffs, discover hidden cases, and join a camel caravan along ancient Nabatean spice routes and sleep under the stars of the desert. SPNI caters to every interest from botany to zoology, from those who wish to climb the fortress of Masada for a sunrise photo to those who want to have coffee in a Bedouin tent.

Of course, even the most enthusiastic nature lover should not miss the wonders and spectacular beauty of Jerusalem, the spiritual centre of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. As the cradle of civilization, the nooks and crannies of this jewelled city could take years to explore fully.

And less than an hour west of Jerusalem, on the Mediterranean Sea, lies the cosmopolitan playground of Tel Aviv. It is around Tel Aviv that the cultural life of the Israelis revolves; nightlife continues until dawn; shopping is unequalled; restaurants offer tasty morsels from the four corners of the earth; and miles of sandy white beaches beckon sun-baskers.

Halfway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, in the Ben Shemen Forest, a strange and wondrous museum exists. Called "Neot Kedumim" — the Biblical Landscape Reserve — this museum is alive, and it houses "green archaeology!"

Based on the premise that nature and ecology shaped the events of Biblical Israel, the reserve has recreated the natural environment from which the symbols, prayers and holidays of Judaism and Christianity emerged and remained unchanged for thousands of years.

Spread over 625 acres of the Judean Hills, the reserve offers trails which are two to three kilometres long.

Neot Kedumim is the realization of a dream for two pioneers in the study of Biblical botany. Although the botanical collection of the original husband and wife team was destroyed in the 1948 War of Independence, their passion was passed on to their son, who has since cultivated their vision on a much greater scale than his parents had hoped to achieve. Thousands of flowers, vines, shrubs and trees of the Bible thrive once more.

In the centre of spiritual Jerusalem is Wohl Rose Park which exhibits 25 acres of flourishing roses from all over the world, of which there are now 600 varieties. Redesigned in the 1970s, the original layout with trees, stone walls, rock gardens and archaeological ruins was retained.

Along a special trail, a display of old and rare roses depicts the development of rose horticulture from the 16th century to the present. At rest time, a rose "pergola" covered by yellow climbing roses and "golden showers" offers a lovely view of the park and the Old City beyond. A collection of miniature flora sits in the "sunken garden," whose walls are formed by a fern grotto and whose floor is paved with golden Jerusalem stone. Cascading streams, ponds waterfalls and a mass of blazing colors complete the enchanting scene.

The list of Israel's sites and sounds can go on and on — an astonishing feat for such a tiny country! But although Israel may be small in stature, it is enormous in scope. Israel brims over with the unique combination of unusual wildlife set in a majestic and ancient land. No other country sparks the imagination as Israel does. No other destination comes to mind as the natural choice for those who want a little of everything.

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Dreamscape visions

A new exhibition, Dreamscapes — Unbuilt Jerusalem, was opened at the Tower of David Museum of the History of Jerusalem on March 18.

The exhibition presents 100 years of vision and dreams of religious and national yearning which found expression in urban and architectural planning but never came to fruition.

Using multi-faceted conceptions, including models, video clips and computerized displays, the exhibition presents the ways in which abstract ideas were envisaged in tangible physical forms. They also demonstrate how imagery and vision are likely to create a different city.

The displays facilitate the understanding of the influence of standards and management in the increased awareness of the aspects which govern the city's facade and character. Scheduled to close in September, this exhibition replaces the successful "3,000 years of eating in Jerusalem."

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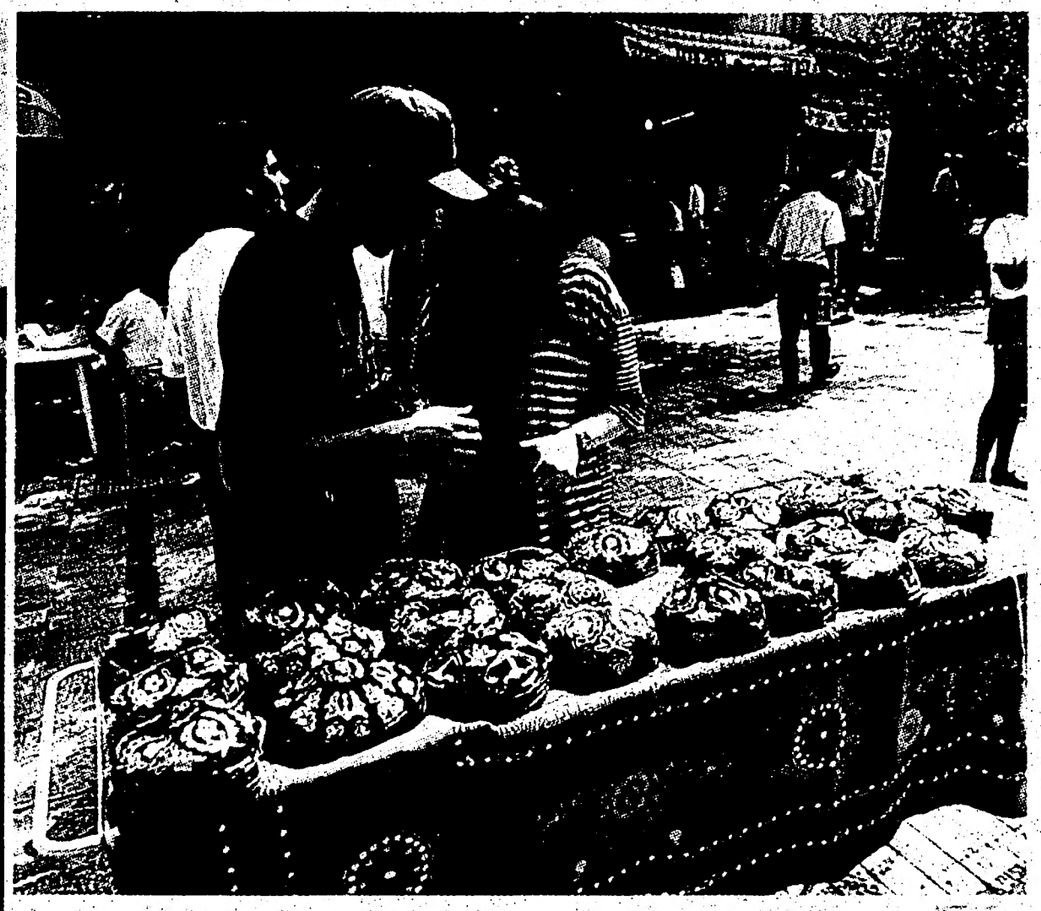

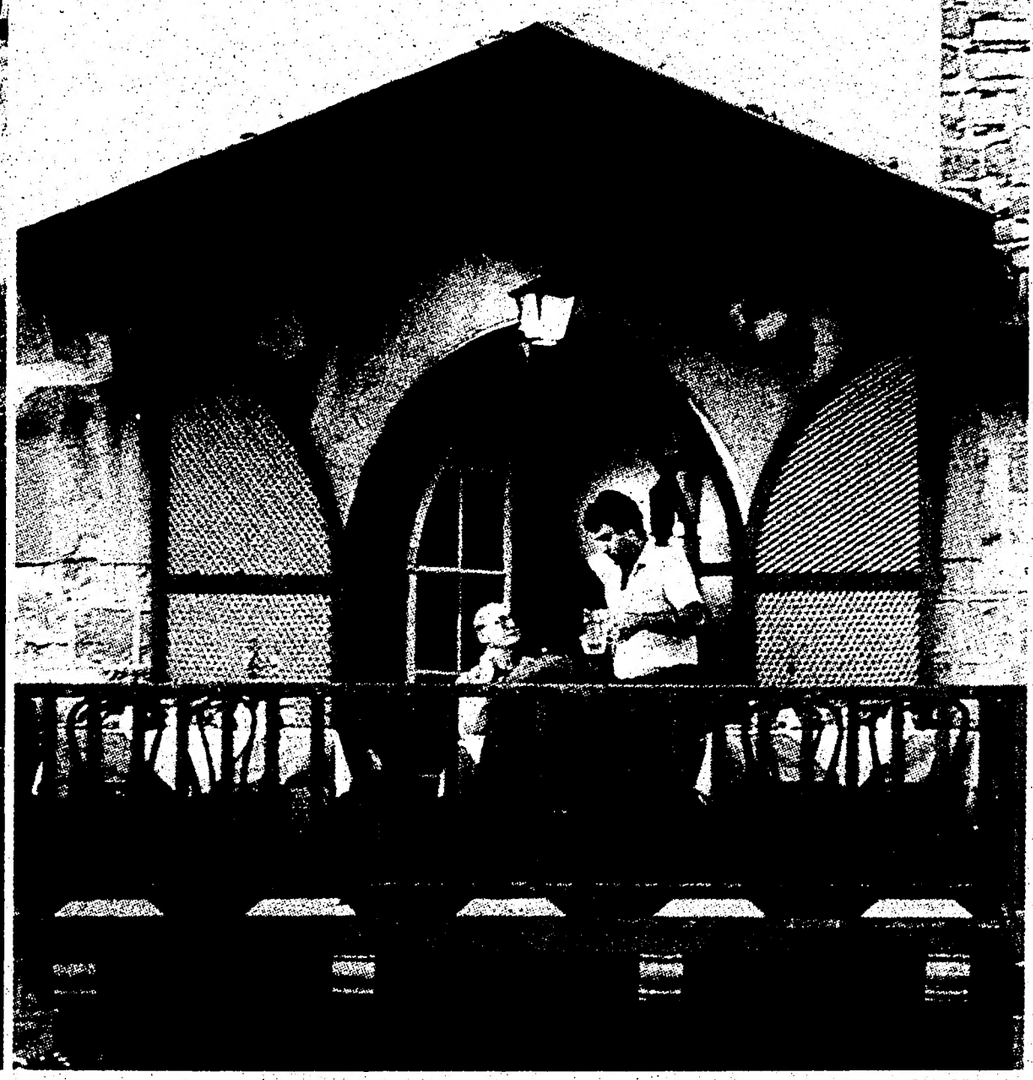

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Travel

Camping guide helps make great escape

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO — We all know the feeling.

After being cooped-up inside for the long, cold winter months, many of us need to escape.

At the first hint of spring in the air, many of us rush to our calendars to decide what weeks we want to take as holidays and we begin to plan that great vacation.

For those who are planning a short day-trip, I would advise you to purchase *Exploring Ontario's Provincial Parks* , a guidebook by Bill Gladstone.

As an avid camper myself, I know what it is like to have the wrong information about a park. There is that sinking feeling of disappointment which accompanies the discovery that the park that promised you one of the best rustic experiences turns out to be a mowed farmer's field full of RV campers, and maybe, one tree.

Also, being a cyclist and a hiker, I want a park that offers more than a picnic table on a sandy lot with only a skimpy row of trees to separate me from my neighbor.

Gladstone points out that Ontario's parks number 260 and cover 6.3 million hectares — an area larger than the size of Nova Scotia. He states that the six catagories of parks — recreation (73 in total), natural environment (63 in total), nature reserve (83 in total), waterway (29 in total), wilderness (8 in total) and historical (4 in total) — suggest an astonishing diversity.

The comprehensive maps at the beginning of the book makes it easy to chart your way through the park system.

The guidebook alphabetically arranges the parks and each receives an individual write-up. Each is catagorized as one of the six types. The area of the province is cited as well.

Gladstone further pinpoints the location by referring to the nearest urban centres and highway systems.

However, the feature that impresses me most is the descriptive piece that accompanies each park. These blurbs briefly outline everything from the parks' histories to the facilities to the activities that are offered.

Interesting quips included

The author has included interesting quips and historical trivia that is dotted throughout the book. For example, one such piece entitled *A. Y. Jackson on the Algoma* explains that Jackson, the Group of Seven artist, travelled throughout that rugged region of Canada in search of landscapes.

Other passages to note include tagging monarch butterflies at Presqu'ile, assessing the mystery of pictographs and the legend of Grey Owl. The photography, some color but most black and white, has the power to whisk you away to nature's wonderland.

Gladstone has included a geological time chart and a glossary in the book to further enhance a nature lover's experience.

Finally, one feature that sold me were the blank pages entitled *Notes* at the end of the book. When arranging a vacation, I usually have 16 different scraps of paper that carry some cryptic vacation message — one I can never seem to decipher.

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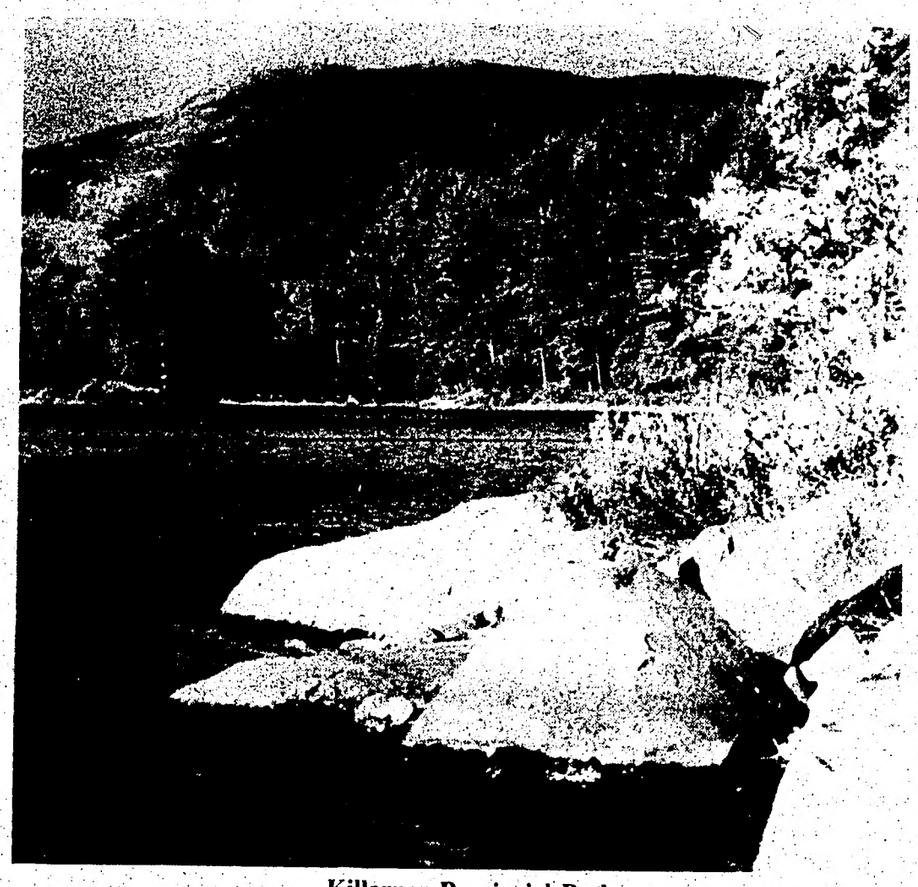
To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Algonquin Provincial Park and Ontario's provincial park system, TVO aired *Exploring Ontario's Provincial Parks*, a five-part series produced in co-operation with the Ministry of Natural Resources this past April.



Killarney Provincial Park

Guides for exotic locales

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Anyone for exotic destinations? Then dig into the following guidebooks, all of which are part of the Lonely Planet series, distributed in Canada by Raincoast Books of Vancouver.

Thailand ($22.95) conjures up visions of brightly-colored temples, tropical jungles, remote hill-tribe villages and long, sandy beaches under swaying palms.

A companion volume, *Bangkok* ($10.95) offers insights into Thailand's raucous capital, the so-called sin city of Asia.

What with its ferocious internal strife, neighboring Cambodia was off-limits to most tourists until quite recently. But now that stability is returning to that intriguing ancient land, *Cambodia* ($16.95) might be well worth consulting.

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And if, as most likely, you don't speak the local language, pack *Indonesian Phrasebook* ($6.95) into your handbag.

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Conference set to mark treaty

Last spring, on May 31, the 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem was celebrated. On that day in a ceremony in the Presidential residence, the "Covenant of Jerusalem" was signed by the President and national leaders of Israel.

This declaration of solidarity signified that Jerusalem, as the eternal capital of the Jewish nation, represented a bond between the people of Israel and the Diaspora. As a document, the Jerusalem Covenant gives expression to the historic and spiritual ties between Jerusalem and the Jewish people. Promulgated in Hebrew, English, French, Spanish, Russian and German, the Covenant stands as an annual symbol to individuals and groups around the world to gather in Jerusalem.

In the first of yearly celebrations surrounding the Covenant, a Conference for Jerusalem will be held May 17-20. Jewish communities and organizations are to designate representatives to attend the conference. At the closing ceremony these representatives shall personally present their respective Certificates of the Covenant to the President and Government of Israel.

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Guilt, angst, rage, helplessness all day's work for J.J. Steinfeld

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — "I'm not a Jewish writer," J.J. Steinfeld takes great pains to point out. "I'm a Jew who writes."

And: "I don't write about the Holocaust. I write about its effects on subsequent generations."

As well, writing is "an agonizing process" but "an antidote to the pain I felt growing up."

Steinfeld is the first person to tell you that his is an uncomfortable existence, fitful and charged with the darkest memories of the Jewish experience.

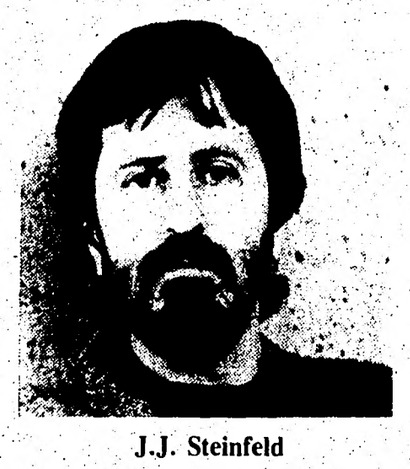
"Yes," he sighs, shifting in his chair, as if there was sandpaper under his skin, "it's very difficult for me to relax."

Relaxing was the last reason the 40-something short-story master moved to Prince Edward Island in 1980. For one, he had never been to P.E.I. but knew it was difficult being a Jew there and knew too that unless born on the island, one is never an Islander.

"All my life, I struggled to fit in," Steinfeld says in a rat-tat-tat delivery that says, "I'm in a hurry." His drive to fit into the Jewish world of his Holocaust survivor parents included short-lived stints in both law and medical school.

"But on the island, I don't fit in by definition."

It's an isolation he seems to relish. Steinfeld is also amused by his whimsical calculation that among P.E.I.'s 25 or so Jewish families, he represents three percent of the island's Jews.



J.J. Steinfeld

So as if to court difficulty, Steinfeld is a) a fulltime writer b) a Jew who can't shake his people's past and c) living where "you make your own Yiddishkeit."

For his fans, a small but loyal group, it's a formula that works. This month, Ragweed Press is bringing out *Dancing at the Club Holocaust*, a collection of 26 short stories which the author says "caused me the most agony."

Steinfeld is almost a Woody Allen creation: the Jewish artist gifted in his craft but plagued by angst. His many dark short stories inevitably invite comparsions with those of another uncomfortable Jew, Franz Kafka.

"Dark does not begin to describe my work," the author told *The CJN* while in Toronto recently. "I don't consider myself dark. I see irony and struggle in life but there is humor too. I have a dark sense of humor."

Indeed. *Dancing at the Club Holocaust*'s title story is about a Jewish man who hallucinates that he's at a New York club for old Nazis. The stories explore the Holocaust's devastating psychological fallout for its survivors, their children and grandchildren, all of whom struggle with a past they can neither comprehend nor forget. Weird characters stumble about the precipice of sanity, weighed down and haunted by their Jewish heritage. Rage, guilt and helplessness are pervasive. Not many laughs here.

"The only way to handle evil," explains Steinfeld, "is to confront it."

And confronting demons, as well as the challenges of being a post-Holocaust Jew, is what Steinfeld does best. He's published about 75 short stories in some of Canada's most prestigious literary journals and has won a number of prizes, including first prize in the Great Canadian Novel Competition for *Our Hero in the Cradle of Confederation*, which was preceded by two collections of short stories, *The Apostate's Tattoo* and *Unmapped Dreams*. Those were followed up with two more story anthologies, *Forms of Captivity and Escape*, which won a Toronto Jewish Congress book committee prize and *The Miraculous Hand*. Steinfeld's work has been praised, albeit quietly, as acerbic, riveting and powerful.

Even though he's pessimistic about commercialism and greed, Steinfeld in looking forward to a CBC adaptation of one of his stories, *The Fuhrer's Halloween*. "But," he says, managing a small smile, "I'm optimistic about the human spirit."

And in case you're wondering what the J.J. stands for, he's not saying.

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Borenstein pays tribute to dad

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — It wasn't easy for Sam Borenstein to become a prize-winning artist.

He once pedalled by bicycle from a hated job as a fur cutter in Ottawa back to his family in Montreal. Then he worked as a taxi driver. Short of funds, he went for days without eating, spending what little he had on canvas and paints. His good days were when he had enough for a loaf of bread and a cheap cigar so he could spend the day sketching on Mount Royal.

No wonder it was a joy for daughter Joyce Borenstein to write, direct and narrate the film about her Montreal father which was nominated for an Academy Award. *The Colors of My Father* was shown at the Jewish Film Festival.

Borenstein was awed by her father's determination to paint lush Quebec landscapes, escaping finally from the drudgery of years in a Montreal fur factory, and painting to his heart's desire, even though to make a living he had to sell other people's paintings. An earlier venture on his part to run an antique store went belly up after only six months.

"My father was a magician," Borenstein recalls "He could take an ordinary Quebec villlage and turn it into a blaze of color."

No wonder his daughter was impressed. "My father was the youngest of 15 children, born in Lithuania. His mother died when he was 10 and his father had no interest in him. My father got up at 5 a.m. to sell newspapers to the wounded soldiers at a hospital, gave the money to his sister so she could buy food, and then went to synagogue to say prayers for his mother. When he saw Jews being beaten he went to his father for an explanation and all his father said was 'these are hard times for Jews.'"

The animation by his daughter is a visually arresting link between the segments of Borensein's strong canvasses and black and white stills of family life. The style of the animation, and the haunting background music, is particularly well suited to the painter's boyhood in Lithuania, where, he said, he discovered "nature was always my guide."

His wife, Judith, said she was attracted to Borenstein by his honesty and the honesty of his paintings. When she brought him home to meet her family, her brother-in-law scoffed: "He'll never make a living."

Borenstein died in 1969 at the age of 61 from cancer.

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An attempt by a German film *Labyrinth* to probe the workings of Franz Kafka's mind misses the mark, though the scenes of Jewish life in Prague going back to the Middle Ages are worthwhile.

Actor Maximilian Schell goes to Kafka's apartment, looks through his diaries, letters and novels and tries to understand what he wrote. Meanwhile scenes in Kafka's life (his affairs with three women, the death of his seven-year-old son) and of pogroms against the Jewish people, pass before Schell's eyes. In the end, the actor gives up the task of making a film about Kafka, saying it is too difficult.

One of the most powerful scenes in *Labyrinth* is the actual footage of a Nazi propaganda film made at Therienstadt including a soccer match, which the Nazis used to try to hide from the world the fate of Jews in concentration camps such as Therienstadt.

Toronto Jewish Film Festival

Film jolts viewers with melancholy story

TORONTO Charlotte Solomon was sent to her grandparents' house near Nice in southern France after Kristallnacht in Berlin but that didn't save her life--the Nazis caught up with her in May, 1943, and the 26-year-old woman died in Auschwitz.

The film *Charlotte* by Richard Dindo, at the Jewish Film Festival, traces the story of the young artist whose mother and grandmother both committed suicide. It attempts to do so through her paintings, but this results in a meandering story constructed to fit the paintings. Talented though she was, her art does not make as deep an impression on the viewer as the few real-life black and white photographs of the family. It was not a happy family for Solomon because she did not get along with her father's second wife.

It is a double jolt for the viewer to learn that she overcame her melancholia at the death of her mother and grandmother only to fall into the hands of the Nazis.

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Arts

Ali's movie an affirmation of brotherhood

Toronto Jewish Film Festival

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

What happens when 11 black teenage students from the mean, poverty-stricken streets of Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn are given the unheard of opportunity of living on a kibbutz for an extended period of time?

The very question would make a sociologist quiver with anticipation.

The answers are found in *Black To The Promised Land*, a delightful documentary screened at the recent Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

As might be expected, Madeleine Ali's movie is chock full of twists and turns and pregnant with the affirmation of brotherhood. *Black To The Promised Land* is a sorely-needed antidote to the tensions and misunderstandings which are roiling black-Jewish relations in the United States and Canada.

The students' trip, which took place in 1989, was organized by their Jewish teacher, Stewart Bialer, who felt that a kibbutz environment would be a wonderful learning experience and help his charges shed their "bad habits" and exploit their "unrecognized potential."

These were kids, aged 15 to 18, who had had problems in a regular high school and now attended an alternative school, and who had been raised in a shabby neighborhood torn by crime and drug-related violence and blighted by homelessness.

Thanks to Bialer's brilliant but totally unorthodox stroke, they would finally get a chance to redeem themselves in an atmosphere radically different to which they had been accustomed.

There were misconceptions on both sides, of course.

The kibbutzniks wondered whether they'd "fit in." They were worried whether someone, somewhere, would inadvertently call one of the guests a "nigger." And frankly, the kibbutzniks feared that they might be criminally-minded. On a lighter note, one Israeli assumed that all black boys are basketball players. In short, no one really knew what to expect.

The Americans assumed that Israel was a desert wasteland, that the kibbutz buildings were made of dry mud and clay, that Israelis would resemble chassidic Jews and smell "really bad."

There was great, mutual excitement when the students finally arrived on Kibbutz Lahavot Habashan, which is in northern Galilee. And not surprisingly, the Israelis could not take their eyes off the newcomers.

On the first day of their work routine, the students who should have been up and awake by 6 a.m. were still asleep. But after receiving a tart lecture on the virtues of punctuality from Bialer, this problem faded.

The jobs the students were assigned were exceedingly strange at first to them. Being children of the ghetto, they were not used to toiling in orchards, cattle sheds, turkey runs, fish ponds or assembly lines.

But as they adapted and made friends with the normally insular kibbutzniks, each side had to discard its preconceived notions and stereotypes.

The Israelis, particularly the younger ones, liked their "cool," extroverted behavior. In admiration, one boy referred to the Americans as "crazy" teenagers. A girl said she had never dreamed "we'd develop such deep relationships." In one poignant scene, a group of youngsters learn the lyrics of *We Shall Overcome*, the anthem of the American civil rights movement.

By contrast, the Americans were amazed by the safe environment, by the fact that no one closed their doors or locked their bikes. They were bowled over by the warm reception, and implicitly, were surprised that Israelis were "fun-type people." All were in agreement that the communal food was "horrible."

The majority liked Israel, though one person hated the kibbutz, and some even said they wanted to return.

When it was time to leave, after 10 weeks, there were tearful farewells. "Good being your brother," an American is heard saying. "Come back," the Israeli replies.

In the final segment, the American teenagers are back in Brooklyn, several months later. They fondly reminisce but also speak ominously about the consuming violence of their surroundings, of being at "the wrong place at the wrong time."

Have they changed? No one can tell. But as far as one mother is concerned, the kibbutz ethos has rubbed off on her son. He is, she reported with some pride, "more mature and responsible."

Ultimately, *Black To The Promised Land* is a resonant story of redemption and hope. Ali's skillfully-crafted film transcends color, race and ethnicity, and elucidates the triumph of the human spirit.

Marranos prove interesting focus

In 1497, five years after the expulsion of the Jewish community from Spain, Jews in Portugal were forcibly converted to Christianity. These converts, contemptuously referred to as Marranos by their Christian neighbors, practised their ancestors' religion in secret.

The vast majority eventually lost their Jewish identity and were submerged by their staunchly Catholic environment. But a relative handful were faithful to their parents' traditions, albeit in a vastly diluted form, without the benefit of rabbis or synagogues.

They are the subjects of *The Last Marranos*, a fascinating documentary by Frederic Brenner and Stan Neumann. It was screened at the recent Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

The focus of this 65-minute long film is the town of Belmonte, where about 100 of these crypto Jews live.

Although they are professing Catholics, they are also Jews. They celebrate Passover and bake matzah. They fast on Yom Kippur. They do not consume pork, and ignore the injunction of eating fish on Friday. They light candles on Friday nights. They chant prayers about their enslaved ancestors in ancient Egypt.

As Catholics, they attend church, bury their dead in Christian cemeteries (their tombstones are inscribed with the telltale crucifix) and baptize their children. But at home, far from the gaze of their neighbors, they harken back to a distant Judaic past.

Today, they are completely free to practise Judaism without looking over their shoulders. But old habits die hard, and most of the Marranos still perform their ceremonies behind closed doors.

Women prepared unleavened bread

Behind the shutters, an old woman lights a solitary candle and places it in a cupboard. In a bakery, several women, clad entirely in white, prepare unleavened bread for Passover, the Marranos' chief holiday. On the banks of a river, three Marranos flay branches upon the waters, praying for deliverance from "the cruel Pharoah."

We learn of a schism that divides this tight-knit community. While traditional-minded crypto Jews still cling to their old ways, the youngest and bravest among them no longer observe the trappings of Christianity. Indeed, they have severed their spiritual links with the older, timid generation and adopted the rituals of Judaism in full.

"We have our prayers and *they* have theirs," says a woman.

As *The Last Marranos* points out in no uncertain terms, the Marranos of Belmonte and other towns in the region always lived in fear of being found out.

"We never showed our life to the Christians," says one man. "The Catholics of Belmonte still hate us," observes another man.

It's clear that they are a breed apart. At a market, a Catholic vendor speaks obliquely but disparagingly of her Jewish neighbor. On a street corner, several women sneer at Jews.

Catholic priests are also invited to comment on the Marranos. The first one observes that Jews killed Christ and have "rather extraordinary features." In a similar vein, the second priest refers to their "unworthy characteristics" — their big noses, their different accents, their "typical" Jewish expressions.

As a result of anti-Semitism, many curiosities and anomalies abound in the Diaspora. But the Marranos of Portugal are surely in a class of their own.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

To Life: A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking, by Harold Kushner (Little, Brown & Co., $26.95).

What, another book about Judaism? Aren't the library shelves already filled to overflowing? Can Kushner, Conservative rabbi and best-selling author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, and other well received books, say anything new and insightful about an old and well-plowed subject?

The good news is that *To Life* is a surprise. It is an intelligent, humane and eloquent approach to Jewish thought and practice — laced with humor and replete with personal experiences and strong emotions.

In twelve brief chapters, Kushner deals with a variety of subjects: Judaism's approach to the idea of God; how to read and understand the Bible; the power of prayer; the life and holiday cycles; the rationale for ritual observance; the complex reasons for anti-Semitism; the importance of Israel in Jewish thought; and the common concerns of Jews and Christians.

"Life," Kushner cries out, "is the question." "Judaism is the answer."

He reminds the reader that although Jews are few in number they have taught the world lessons about the "value of education, the importance of family and community, the obligation of tzedakah, the nobility and resiliency of the survivor of persecution, and the potential holiness of the most ordinary of moments."

The dietary laws, paradoxically, mean freedom, the freedom of being the master of appetite rather than its servant. "Many of the rules and rituals of the Jewish way of life are spiritual calisthenics, designed to teach us to control the most basic instincts of our lives — hunger, sex, anger, acquisitiveness, and so on. We are not directed to deny or stifle them, but to control them, to rule them rather than let them rule us, and to sanctify them by dedicating our living of them to God's purpose."

Reform, Conservative and Orthodox forms of Judaism — as labels and divisions — are to a large degree meaningless. Basically, there are only two kinds of Jews, those who are serious about their faith and those who are not. A serious Jew tries to pattern his life on the basic values and ideals of his faith, according to Kushner.

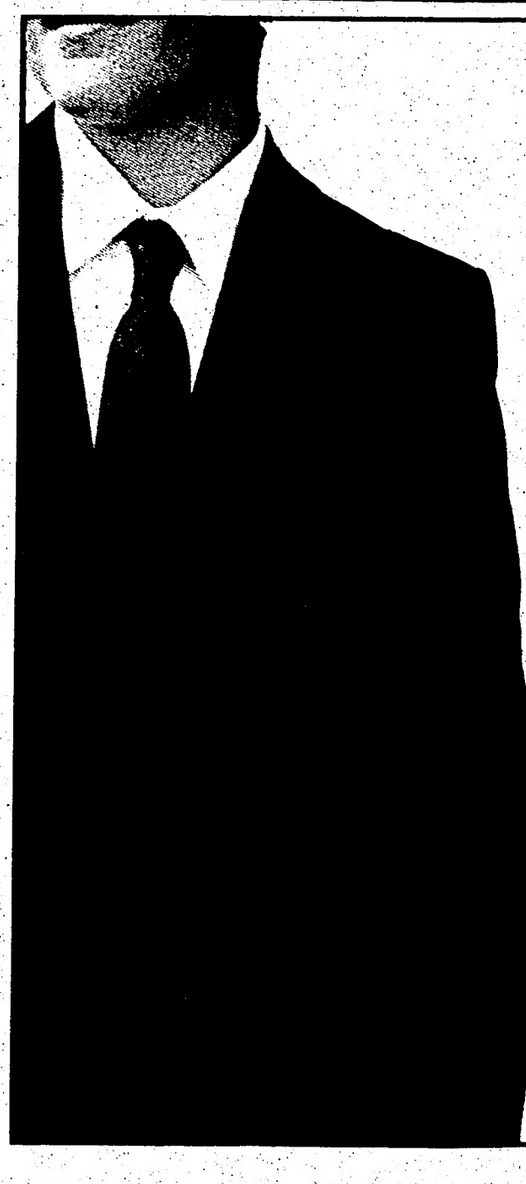
For him, a sin is a deed, not a condition. A sin is a missed opportunity to act humanely. The verb "to sin" in Hebrew is also used in a sense of missing the target. "When God created us free to choose between good and bad, He also gave us the capacity to know when we had chosen wrongly. Remember Darwin's comment that human beings are the only creatures that blush."

Why is Israel so important for world Jewry? "The existence of the Jewish state of Israel is an expression of the world's willingness to let the Jewish people live. It is nearly impossible for non-Jews to appreciate the meaning of the scar that the Holocaust, and the centuries of persecution leading up to it, have left on the Jewish soul. I don't know of any other people that wakes up virtually on a daily basis wondering if the world will let them live."

In a plea for tolerance the rabbi indicates that both Judaism and Christianity are part of God's ultimate plan for the world. They are allies in a sacred battle against "apathy and selfishness and a neo-paganism that sees Man as an animal and his every urge as legitimate."

This positive and popular study steers clear of most controversial social issues such as abortion, homosexuality and mercy-killing.

To Life is a superb and welcome addition to that well-stocked, creaking shelf of books. It deserves a large and receptive audience.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Arts

Concert strikes a fine note

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Paul Kowarsky

Suzanne Kompass

TORONTO — The evening was titled A Grand Night of Song and that's exactly what it was.

For the 1,500 people who attended Beth Tzedec Congregation's 45th anniversary tribute to the founding of the State of Israel, the fundraising concert, chaired by Barbara Kelman, was a rare opportunity to hear some of Canada's finest operatic singers linked with one of Canada's foremost cantors-cum-opera performers in an evening of grand opera, operattas, music from the theatre and cantorial selections.

Cantor Paul Kowarsky of Beth Tzedec was joined by versatile lyric tenor Mark DuBois, sopranos Stephanie Bogle and Suzanne Kompass, concert baritone Bruce Kelly, tenor Geoffry Butler, who shared the conductor's podium with DuBois, and 40 members of the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra.

Kowarsky, a spinto-tenor on the concert stage, performed an ambitious and diversified program ranging from an original composition titled *Hashem Ro-I*, Psalm 23 and a Mendelsohn/Miller composition from Pirkei Avot titled *Rabbi Chananya Ben Akashva Omer*, as well as music by Verdi, Puccini and Tosti.

Kowarsky demonstrated his skill in harmonization when joined by DuBois and Bogle. The high points of his outstanding performance were the chanting of his cantorial prayer and his haunting duet with DuBois.

A universally acclaimed bel canto tenor, DuBois demonstrated multiple talents — as a conductor, creative music interpreter, performer and stand-up comedian when he explained each piece with charm and humor.

DuBois' sweet singing style displayed lightness, control and flexibility. He made every piece, from grand opera to the classics of Broadway and musical theatre, seem effortless.

DuBois' presentations of Handel's *Care Salve* from *Atalanta*, Mozart's *Il Tesoro* from *Don Giovanni*, and *La Donna E Mobile* from Verdi's *Rigoletto*, were all audience pleasers. The haunting prayer, *Bring Him Home* from *Les Miserables* provided an excellent venue for his mellow and controlled voice.

The audience repaid the artists for their exceptional performances by heartily applauding Bogle's *Ah Forse Lui-Sempre Libera* and *Un Di Felice* from Verdi's *La Traviata*; Kelly's spirited interpretation of the *Toreador Song* from Bizet's *Carmen*; *My Hero* from the *Chocolate Soldier* by O. Strauss sung by Kompass; and conductor Butler's excellent performance of *Vainement Ma Bien-Aimee* from Lalo's *Le Roi D'ys*.

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Eye on Arts

Artist Pamela Ozeri is currently exhibiting her paintings at the Jewish Community Centre, Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. until May 21.

Her work, collage and torn paintings, derived from the trees, rocks, seeds, flowers and plants of Israel, captures the rare essence of the Israeli landscape.

The style, is an attempt to break down fixed forms and reconstruct them into a metaphysical dimension.

For exhibit hours, call 924-6211.

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The work of two sculptors is currently being shown at the Koffler Gallery.

In her first solo exhibition, Toronto artist Marlene Klassen uses her distinctive style to present a series of sculptual pieces questioning socialized attitudes which blind us to certain perceptions. Her sculptures critique many of the commonly-accepted parameters of women's roles.

Viktor Tinkl uses a variety of materials to create his "raw art" in his own exhibit.

Both will be on display until June 30.

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The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band will perform at Harbourfront Centre's duMaurier Theatre Centre, 410 Queen's Quay West, on May 27 at 8:30 p.m.

In the last six years, this band has become one of the premiere groups involved in the rebirth of Yiddish music.

After the concert, the band will embark on their first European tour playing in England, Ireland, the Netherlands and Germany.

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Douglas Hofmann, a painter and printmaker, will attend the opening of an exhibition of his work presented by Circle Gallery, 83 Yorkville Ave. on May 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hofmann paints the female figure which he then places in a setting rich with the authentic trappings of the Art Nouveau period. Each piece of furniture and the smallest bit of rich fabric is precisely rendered in their deep lush colors.

The exhibition will run through June 13.

For more information call 961-5806.

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On May 30 the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) and the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) join together to present the opening of Yiddish Film Between Two Worlds.

This is a month-long retrospective of rare films in Yiddish by Jewish filmmakers in Europe and America between the two World Wars. These films, which capture a way of life forever lost, have been restored and subtitled in English by the Film Institute of Brandeis University.

This festival will be shown at the AGO from June 1-30. It will be enhanced by additional programs including panels, lectures and klezmer concerts organized by the JCC.

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New Legends and Theatre Shalom present a benefit performance of *Guarding the Garden* at Leah Posluns Theatre on June 7 at 8 p.m.

Funds raised from this event will be used to create innovative educational resources to accompany an extensive fall tour of the show to schools, synagogues and community centres across Ontario and to develp new works on other social justice issues such as hunger, AIDS and conflict resolution.

The play is a new musical interpretation of the Garden of Eden story, revealing the roots of the environmental crisis.

For more information call 633-2414 or 782-1840.

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A Jewish grandmother and her granddaughter will present a joint art exhibition at the Skylight Gallery, 40 Orchard View Blvd. from June 3 to 30.

Tutzi Haspel-Seguin came to Canada from Romania in 1938 and has received many awards in various forms of art. She has her own art school at Humber College.

Her granddaughter Kim McNeilly is a multi-disciplinary artist in the fields of visual arts, dance and music.

She has exhibited and published her lithographs, drawings, monoprints and multi-media works on fabric in several exhibitions internationally.

A reception will be held June 9 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Arts

Young Jewish actors combine strengths in play

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO When Clifford Odets wrote *Awake and Sing* in the 1930s the Jews in New York and Brooklyn faced problems of poverty, how to improve the capitalist system, how to reconcile differences between father and son.

Along come six well-known Jewish actors in Toronto to bring things up to date, but this time, in 1993, it is arguments over Israel and the concern about assimilation which mar the family landscape.

The Theory of Relatives, running at The Tarragon Theatre Extra Space until May 30, is an overdue assessent of the Jewish scene by six sensitive artists, and Daniel Brooks, Leah Cherniak, Diane Flacks, Richard Greenblatt, Leslie Lester and Allan Merovitz deserve credit for doing it.

They use the format of a Passover seder and the questions of the gifted, wicked and simple child as the means of asking pertinent and pointed kashes (questions).

It's not easy to debate what Israel does in the territories or why intermarriage rates are rising so rapidly and keep viewers entertained. *Theory of Relatives* works hard at the task, but there are still rough spots.

For example, their commitment to improvisation, interrupts the flow from time to time. If a set piece is good why not keep it in all the time?

Each of the actors has his or her own strengths and all contribute to the play's success, a true collaborative effort. An outstanding bit is contributed by Flacks as the mother who complains that she could be dead for three days before her daughter calls. This fine comedian has developed exquisite timing and she artfully captures the nuances of the aggrieved mother's speech.

Merovitz plucks a lot of familiar chords with his stories about the time his uncle had to sleep in the bathtub in their home at Smiths Falls because so many relatives came for Pesach, or when relatives who survived the Holocaust arrived unexpectedly on their doorstep from Oslo. "They were giants, with blue eyes and fair skin. Are these people Jews?" It was a relief, indeed, when the arguments got hot and heavy around the seder table to have Merovitz suddenly take the spotlight to relate how his zayde had assured him that a brown-eyed nag in the family stable would reveal the secret of the meaning of life.

Theory of Relatives runs 90 minutes without an intermission. It will leave you with plenty to talk about.

Allan Merovitz (left), Leah Cherniak, Diane Flacks, Richard Greenblatt and Daniel Brooks in The Theory of Relatives.

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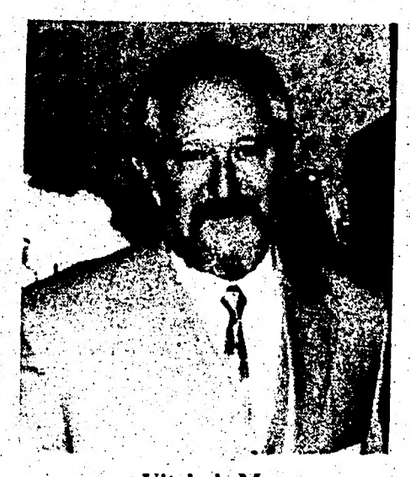
Business & Finance

UJA business meet stresses partnership

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — People helping people was the focus of the spring program of the Hi-Tech and Consumer Electronics Division of the United Jewish Appeal held recently at the Inn on the Park.

The division is responsible for outreach, education and canvassing of over 1,000 individuals in the electronics and technology field. Through fundraising and programing, Hi-tech members develop an understanding of the needs of the local community, insuring the strength and vitality of the Jewish world.



Yitchok Mor

Yitchok Mor, president, MSEOI Ltd. Security Systems, manufacturer of car and home security systems, told the over 100 division members that we are living in the most interesting time in world history. "We've seen men go to outer space, the beginning and end of Communism and we've played an active part in the development of Israel. As all of these world events have evolved however, our needs have changed. The end of the oppressive system in the former Soviet Union has made aliyah possible for thousands and thousands of Jews. Show me another country that could take on this challenge."

Mor said that one of the essential requirements for Israel to take on the challenge is economic independence. "Today, by becoming a partner with Israel, you could help turn her into the new land of opportunity. Israel is now blessed with a large army of high tech power and has become a recognized world leader in security systems. By becoming a partner, we can offer you an army of brain power unequalled and respected the world over. Together with your capital people will say, watch out world. I ask you to join us in the most exciting period in our history.

Robert Skolnik, a partner in the firm Markson Skolnik and a volunteer with Jewish Vocational Service, said that we can help the community at the local level by doing more than just giving money. "Your commitment to the community can have formal or informal involvement but by doing something such as becoming a mentor to an immigrant family, you could make a big difference."

Mark Kerbel, a captain in the division, stressed that "Israel today needs your help, brainpower and partnership, not just your money. The country is on the brink of new technologies and her economic independence and future depend on us."

Bank Hapoalim program starts

TEL AVIV — Israel's largest financial institution, Bank Hapoalim, recently announced a three-pronged program to provide businessmen and potential entrepreneurs with the know-how to establish new enterprises and expand existing ones. Heading this effort is a newly-established course of studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, sponsored by the bank, which provides participants with the background and techniques required for success in initiating new businesses in Israel.

This curriculum is conducted in co-operation with LAHAV, the Chamber of Organizations for the Self-Employed, while another course is held with Na'amat, Israel's largest women's organization.

Bank Hapoalim is also conducting a small business advisory program, in co-operation with LAHAV, which offers practical advice on a person-to-person basis to new entrepreneurs. Specialists in the fields of credit, investment, banking services, taxation, social security, legal matters, government benefits, financing, marketing, and other subjects provide free counselling to potential new entrepreneurs.

The bank, at the same time, provides support for the Council of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises of the Israel Manufacturers Association. This council, in co-operation with the Israel Management Centre, conducts courses designed to meet the general, professional and specialized needs of the member managers. Hapoalim also subsidizes the participation of small business owners among its clients in the council's courses, geared to directly enhance the efficiency of their enterprises.

The major factor in financing Israel's business, industry, infrastructure and foreign trade, the Bank Hapoalim Group, with more than $37 billion in assets, maintains 351 branches in Israel and 15 other countries.

Israel raises billion dollars

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israel has successfully raised the first billion dollars backed by U.S. loan guarantees, the Finance Ministry has announced.

The 30-year, U.S.-backed bond issue bears 7.06 percent interest with a 10-year grace period on principal payments.

"We were able to raise the money at a lower interest rate than any American government agency," said Aharon Fogel, the finance ministry's director-general.

The issue also included underwriting costs of $4.5 million and $45 million for the 4.5 percent insurance scoring fee to the U.S.

If these additional expenses are included, they push up the bond's interest rate to nearly 7.5 percent, Fogel said.

Fogel hinted the deal was good for Israel due to a complicated scheme which required 44 separate bond issues.

According to the offering circular, there are four full-coupon bonds maturing at different dates starting from 1996 and every two years thereafter. The offering also includes 40 zero-coupon bonds with maturity dates from 2003 until 2023.

This combination package is the most cost-efficient finar.cial arrangement, explained one of the underwriters.

Although Fogel described the bond issue in terms of a single 30-year bond issue, with a single interest rate and special timing arrangements for principal and interest payments, it is a mix of several interest rates and maturities.

The full-coupon bonds are medium-term issues, the longest maturing within 10 years. This means that the government will be paying principal and interest during the grace period on $551.5 million.

The zero-coupon bonds have a total face value of $1.859 billion.

The full-coupon bond yields compare favorably with U.S. Treasury bond yields. For example, the yield of 5.38 percent on the five-year issue is competitive with the Treasury's 5.35 percent, although when costs are taken into account the spread is wider.

Salomon Brothers was the lead underwriter together with First Boston and Bear Stearns. Morgan Stanley was financial adviser to the Israeli government for the transaction.

The issue was mostly sold to institutional investors, although there was a small retail component.

The Israeli government is planning to raise another billion dollars in September.

Sources explained that the whole amount was not raised at once since it would lead to unnecessary interest costs. All of the money is not required immediately.

According to the agreement with the United States, a third of the funds will be used for private sector investments, a third to boost foreign currency reserves and a third to finance infrastructure investments.

MAGNIFICENT MALL

The largest shopping mall in the Middle East, the $80-million Manahat Shopping Mall in Jerusalem is still having the finishing touches made to its 180 stores and two department stores. Also available to the visitors is a choice of eight cinemas, fast food stands, four restaurants and three coffee houses. [IPPA photo]

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Are you contemplating retirement? Do you know how much income you will need during your golden years? If you are a member of a generous fully-indexed pension plan, skip to the last sentence on this page. If not, read on. Have you thought about what inflation can do to income over the years?

You should make sure you understand the principle of inflation carefully if you wish to avoid serious financial problems. For example, many retirees who had counted on 10 percent and even 12 percent income on their investments have been shocked and dismayed to find, on renewal of their certificates of deposit, that rates were closer to 6 percent, cutting their future income almost in half. While interest earned has fallen, the real enemy of retirees is inflation.

The object of any investment is to achieve a return on capital (by way of interest, dividends or capital gains) which, after taxes, is greater than the rate of inflation. With the rate of inflation at 1.7 percent in Canada and about 3.2 percent in the United States, almost all types of investment are likely to better inflation.

Even a certificate of deposit yielding 5 percent still yields 2.5 percent after taxes — greater than inflation in Canada, but not in the United States. Remember that inflation has eroded about 30 percent of the purchasing power of the dollar since 1986. That is, the same income will buy only about 70 percent as much in 1993 as it did in 1986.

The following table shows the income you will need to maintain your purchasing power assuming inflation of 3 percent and 5 percent.

Future Equivalent of $100,000 in 1992 Purchasing Power

Assuming	2002	2012
3 percent inflation	134,000	180,000
Assuming 5 percent inflation	163,000	265,000

Putting it another way, your $100,000 will be worth only $61,000 in 2002 and $38,000 in 2012 if annual inflation is 5 percent. Thus if you spend all your income, there will be a gradual decline in the goods and services you can afford.

One approach to this erosion in purchasing power is to have 100 percent of your final working year's income during retirement, but plan on spending only 70 percent. Most financial planners suggest that you should need only about 70 percent of your final working year's income in your retirement years.

The remaining 30 percent should be reinvested to protect you from inflation and allow you to increase your income by the amount of inflation each year until about age 75. Plan on reasonable long-term interest rates, perhaps 6 percent on your nest egg, not the lofty returns of yesteryear.

As you approach retirement, your well-balanced portfolio which would have contained equity shares, bonds, T-bills and other fixed-term securities should take on a more conservative aspect.

It takes planning to make the future as prosperous as the present. A few hours invested today can reap huge dividends in the future.

(Tony Mancinone is a partner serving Entrepreneurial Services clients for Ernst & Young).

Business seminar

TORONTO — The *Czech and Slovak Business Council of Canada* (formerly Canada Czechoslovakia Chamber of Commerce) is organizing a seminar/dinner on Opportunities for Property Development, Construction and Building Materials in the Czech and Slovak Republics and Central Europe, featuring a panel of experts including Eb Zeldler of Roberts Partnership; John Gibson of Jones Lang Wooton; Jan A. Seyfried of The Royal Bank; Robert Levy of Levy and Company; Vaclav Otradovec of Eurospectrum Contracting Prague; and Chris Webster of Dearie Contractors.

This presentation and discussion will be of interest to developers, investors, architects, consulting engineers, manufacturers and suppliers of building materials and all other participants involved in the construction process.

Thursday, May 27 Location: The Fifty-Fourth dining lounge, Toronto Dominion Bank Tower (Wellington & Bay). Registration commencing at 5 p.m. Fee (Buffet Dinner/Networking) Cash Bar: $55 for non-members/guests; $45 for members only of the Canada Czech/Slovak Chamber of Commerce. Registrations required, space is limited, please call (416) 367-3432 or Fax: 367-3492.

ECONOMIC NEWS FROM ISRAEL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's Cabinet has approved sweeping reforms to make the country's banking industry more competitive and to curtail the power that Israel's four major banks wield over the economy.

According to the new regulations, which are expected to win approval by the Knesset, the banks would be forced to cut their share of holdings in non-banking companies to a maximum of 25 percent and, in some cases, to sell off subsidiary banks.

The regulations also would bar pension and mutual funds from owning stock in the banks that manage them and would separate management of the pension funds from the parent banks.

The plan calls for the government to establish a trusteeship to hold its shares in each of the banks it owns to avoid their nationalization, which otherwise would occur next fall.

The government in effect took control and ownership of the banks following a $7 billion bailout in the 1980s, a fiasco that lies at the heart of the current efforts to reform the system.

Banks facing sweeping reforms

Israel's four major banks, which continue to be operated by their original owners, control 92 percent of Israeli banking assets. They are Bank Hapoalim, Bank Leumi, Israel Discount Bank and United Mizrachi Bank.

The reforms, announced by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, are opposed by the banks, which claim the measures would hurt their international competitiveness and their ability to promote new investment.

By contrast, all of the Cabinet ministers supported the plan, with the exception of Economic Development Minister Shimon Shetreet, who said the proposed reforms do not go far enough.

Shetreet said the reforms are not bold enough and would still leave the banks in control of the capital markets. If the reforms are implemented, Israelis will "continue to be enslaved to the banks," the minister said.

Two minor amendments to the plan were made by the Cabinet. One of the amendments would require the finance minister to report to the Cabinet every six months on the pace of the reforms and the sale of the banks.

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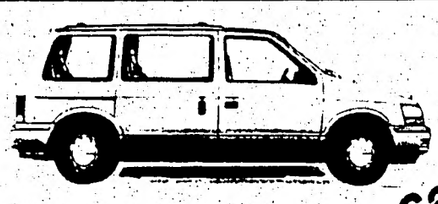
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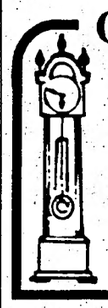

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Over 2700 sq. ft. on prime court. Backs onto greenbelt. 4 bdrms., 3 washrooms., M/F family & laundry. Call 771-7100.

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2250 sq. ft., four bedrooms, double garage, finished basement. Won't last. Call Tony Kaganovsky, Sales Rep., 771-7100.

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Superb 4-level backsplit. 4 bedrooms, finished basement, sunny landscaped 57' x 175' lot. Call Yossi Adout, Sales Representative, 771-7100.

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Backs onto park, 3 bdrms., fam. room w/cathedral ceiling + w/o to yard, 2 fireplaces. Call Yossi Adout, Sales Rep., 771-7100.

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1, 2, + 3 bdrm. condos, your choice. Anxious vendors. Call Joseph Soer, Sales Representative, 771-7100.

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Custom home to be built on preferred block, 4 bdrms., 3 baths, master w/ensuite spa room, fireplace, w/o, family/media room, gourmet kitchen. Call 771-7100.

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Sensational **14,000 sq. ft. of living space,** 6 bdrms, 11 baths, 7 fireplaces, 4 Jacuzzis, 2 saunas, 3 kitchens, **enormous 100'x302' lot,** 30 ft Cathedral ceiling, over 500 pot lights with thousands in luxurious extras, walking distance to Shul. $1,489,000.
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CENTRAL PROPERTIES

1ST AD! OLD FOREST HILL ROAD
$1,699,000. Stone facade! Total & elegant renovation! Grand bright foyer, stunning kitchen, 5 bdrms on second, finished bsmt with nanny's rm. 66 Ft. frontage, professionally landscaped. Double garage! Cathy Kwinter/Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875

STATELY ELEGANCE IN FOREST HILL
Elegantly detailed 6 bdrm residence. Amazing principal rooms. Ann Kamin/Anna Pollock 226-1987

COUNTRY SETTING — SANDRINGHAM DR.
$1,395,000. Executive home set on magnificent 2 acre property! Steps to Synagogues. Bernard Pike 488-2875

1ST AD! VICTORIAN GEM $895,000
Completely rebuilt by Gabor & Popper. 11 Ft. ceilings, 4 fireplaces, marble and skylights throughout. Custom moulding and trim accent the Victorian styling. Spacious master, panelled library, 3 balconies overlooking a private garden! Call to view, David or Eleanor Wagman 488-2875

DRASTIC PRICE REDUCTION!
17 Forest Wood. Under Power of Sale! 54 x 204 ravine lot. 5 Bdrms, w/o bsmt. Faithe Sversky 488-2875

NEW LISTING! AVENUE RD/LAWRENCE
Custom design, stucco, 4+2 bdrms, fin bsmt. Exceptional quality & details! $759,000. Irma Weisz 488-2875

THE PERFECT FAMILY ENVIRONMENT
Need more space? This renovated home meets all the needs for a growing family. 5 Bdrms, fam rm, media/games rm. Large cedar deck, private garden. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875

A TIME TO OWN A TURRET
3 Storey, near Castle, 5 bdrms, 4 baths, grand design, bsmt vault. Brenda Thomson 488-2875

1ST AD! CUSTOM AVENUE RD/LAWRENCE
2 Yrs new! 3,200 sq ft, 4 bdrm, large princ rm, superb master, bright eat-in kit. Totally upgraded! Maurice Gherson 488-2875

NEW PRICE! RENOVATED FAMILY HOME!
Inviting 4 bdrm, den, CAC, sec sys, garage. Large princ rm, 4 baths. Maurice Gherson 488-2875

FOR THE CHOOSY FAMILY
Happy living starts here! Bright eat-in kit, large den, private garden. David Wagman 488-2875

DECORATOR PERFECT — REDUCED!
Gorgeous "Art Deco" accents. Renovated! Main flr den & pwdr rm. 4 Bdrms, 2 baths on 2nd, nanny's qrts. 2 Walk-outs. Neil Wagman 488-2875

ATTENTION BUILDERS — RENOVATORS!
Huge lot on best North Toronto address. Potential for 3 or 4 homes, Estate Sale! $599,000. Les Levine 226-1987

SPRING SHOWPIECE — BATHURST/WILSON
Custom blt. 4 bdrm with oversized master. Sun-filled living room, w/o from den to fab. garden. Bonnie Singer 488-2875

REDUCED! NORTH YORK! WON'T LAST!
$520,000. Custom built, 5 bdrms, w/o bsmt, stone, reputable builder. Olga Guvenal 226-1987

1ST AD! EGLINTON/AVENUE RD.
"Homes & Gardens" Custom built, 7 yrs new, 3 bdrm, w/o fm bsmt. Faither Sversky 488-2875

$399,000 UPPER FOREST HILL
Totally reno'd 3 bdrm, 2 stry, fin bsmt, 4 car pkg, private drive. 35 x 109. Faithe Sversky 488-2875

EXCITING "MANOR" HOME — 1ST AD!
Designer 4 bdrm + mn flr family rm, gourmet kit, bleached floors. Has it all! $339,000. Dale Noble/Les Levine 226-1987

DUFFERIN/ST. CLAIR MUST SELL!
Home was demolished & partially reconstructed. 24 x 120 lot. Hurry! Faithe Sversky 488-2875

PRICED TO SELL! YONGE/DAVISVILLE
2-2 Bdrm units with high & dry bsmt. 2 Car gar, totally reno'd. J. Wagman/F. Sversky 488-2875

MT. PLEASANT/EGLINTON $279,000
Cozy detached brick reno, 3 bdrms, fireplace. Large deck, central air & parking. Richard Sherman 226-1987

PRIME LOCATION! YONGE/EGLINTON
Must sell! 3 Bdrm semi w/2 kits, 2 baths, 19 x 100 ft lot. Kathy Shore/Faithe Sversky 488-2875

BATHURST/WILSON PRICED TO SELL NOW!
Oversized bung with sep in-law plus nanny's suite. Central vac & air. Reno'd kitchen. Must be seen. Quiet child safe street. Bonnie Singer 488-2875

INCREDIBLE DUPLEX — BATHURST/ST. CLAIR
Legal duplex with Tradition[SOLD]m, renovated. Priced to sell! 30 x 106 lot. Faithe Sversky 488-2875

GREAT LOCATION! GREAT PRICE!
$229,000. Bathurst/Wilson. 3 Bdrm bung, fin bsmt, dbl garage, CAC, new roof & furnace. Goldie Kay 226-1987

DON MILLS/LAWRENCE — RENOVATED!
2 Storey, 3 bdrm, main flr family room, new bath & kitchen! Ann Kamin/Anna Pollock 226-1987

MUST SELL! BAT[SOLD]RST/QUEEN
5 Bdrms, 3 storey home i[SOLD] of Downtown. 14 x 96 Ft. lot. Faithe Sversky 488-2875

"YUPPIE SEMI" BATHURST/ST. CLAIR
Just reopened! Renovated dollhouse. 3 Bdrm, legal front pad parking, fin bsmt. Faithe Sversky 488-2875

REDUCED AGAIN! CALEDONIA/EGLINTON
Picture perfect 2 bdrm bungalow w/bsmt apt. New roof, pad pkg, gas furnace. F. Sversky 488-2875

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WEST PROPERTIES

HIGH PARK — NEW LISTING!
Detached 5 bedroom, 2 storey, renovated Century home. Lots of wood detail. Richard Sherman 226-1987

WALK TO HIGH PARK — DETACHED
$239,900. 3 Storey brick with 5 bdrms, 2 kitchens, original wood. Clean & updated. Richard Sherman 226-1987

EAST PROPERTIES

DANFORTH DETACHED ONLY $179,000
Immaculate 2 stry with 2-3 self-contained units, dble garage, 2 skylights. Richard Sherman 226-1987

NORTH PROPERTIES

BAYVIEW/POST RD, ELEGANCE
Luxury abounds! Spacious, panelled library, main level fam rm, oversized eat-in kit. Pool & tennis crt. Now $2,095,000. David Wagman 488-2875

$1,299,000 HUGE [SOLD]NE MANSION
Custom built, 6 bdrms, 11 [SOLD] x 267 ft lot. Award winning pool. Faithe Sversky 488-2875

SPECTACULAR BRIDLEPATH SOUTH LOT
170 Ft. frontage. Build/renovate 4 bdrm ranch bungalow. Call Maurice Gherson 488-2875

YORK MILLS/BAYVIEW BUILDER'S HOME
$1,080,000. 3 Yrs. new, over 500 sq ft, marble foyer, 5+ Bdrms. Loretta Grammer/Sharon Bobkin 226-1987

ST. ANDREWS — QUIET CRESCENT
4 Bdrm custom home, approx 4,400 sq ft, luxury upgrades. Pool! Ronna Esco 226-1987

BAYVIEW/STEELES — NEW LISTING!
Elegant custom 2 stry, 5 bdrm res, large princ rms on quiet crt. Extensive landscaping. A. Pollock/A. Kamin 226-1987

RENAISSANCE CRT. LOT 223 BATHURST/HWY #7
$799,000-$899,000. Custom blt home on ½ acre lot. GST included! Last lot available! Faithe Sversky 488-2875

A LOTTA HOUSE FOR THE MONEY!
Bayview/Cummer on the ravine! Contemporary design, skylites. Great fam rm, sauna, games rm, den. Priced to sell at $519,000. Neil Wagman 488-2875

1ST AD! FAB "RIDGEGATE" PROPERTY!
$475,000. Stunning 2 stry, 4 bdrm, sensational landscaping, must be seen! Rena Bader 226-1987

CUL-DE-SAC LOT STOUFFVILLE/LESLIE
Premium lot in prestigious estate area. Priced to sell! Bring an offer! Faithe Sversky 488-2875

NEW! PRESTIGIOU[SOLD]RELEAF AREA!
Priced to sell! 4 Bdrms, m[SOLD] rm, 2 car gar, move right in! Olga Guvenal 226-1987

SPRING FARM BE[SOLD]' NEW LISTING!
Stunning 3 bdrm, main flr [SOLD] powder rm. Better Homes & Gardens decor! Lot pies out! A. Kamin/A. Pollock 226-1987

MOVE RIGHT-IN! MAJOR MACKENZIE/BATHURST
Largest townhouse in complex, end unit, 4 bdrm, mn flr den. Just $274,800. Faithe Sversky 488-2875

RIDGEGATE $254,900 NEW LISTING!
Totally upgraded 3 bdrms. Carriage Home on demand child safe cres, 6 pc ens, w/o to dble garage. Patti Pollock 226-1987

CONDOMINIUM PROPERTIES

HARBOUR SQUARE POWER OF SALE! 1ST AD!
Opportunity knocks but once! This 2 bedroom has it all! Call Rickey Fitzerman 226-1987

SKYMARK[SOLD]CLASSIC
$349,900. Beautiful upgrad[SOLD] with built-ins, 2 Bedrooms + fam rm. Marty Wagman 226-1987

CLARK/HILDA — THE CONSERVATORY
Beautiful 2 bdrm suite in great complex. White kit, 2 pkg, balcony. Fran London 226-1987

LANDMARK LUXURY! MUST SELL!
1,227 Sq ft, 2 bdrm overlooking golf course. Huge solarium, $$ in upgrades. Faithe Sversky 488-2875

"SKYMARK" THE CLASSIC
Great suite. Southern exposure. Modern kitchen. Marty Wagman 226-1987

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Impeccable 2 bdrm + sol. Bright southern exposure, parking and many upgrades! Richard Sherman 226-1987

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3-3 Bdrm apartments, master with ensuite, fabulous view! Parking! Anna Pollock/Ann Kamin 226-1987

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CAPLIN/EGLINTON — $399,000
Detached townhome. 3 BR. Marble master ensuite. Lower level family room + walk-out. Sauna. Private drive. *M. Federman.

1ST TIME BUYERS! — $329,000
Renovated 3-4 BR. bungalow. 2 baths. White kitchen. Fireplace in living-room. CAC. Att. garage/priv. drive. *E. Stanton.

WEST PREP SCHOOL — NOW $359,000
Attractive 2 storey, 3 bedroom. Finished lower level with 2pc. bath. Attached garage. *Jerry Kerbel.

RIDGE HILL DR. — NEW LISTING
$629,000. Stunning Georgian. 4 BR. Panelled main floor family room, kitchen w/breakfast room. *Gayle Mitchell.

FOREST RIDGE — $649,000
Reno'd 4-5 BR. 2-storey addition w/main flr. family rm., powder rm., gourmet kitchen + breakfast rm. **Don Wagman.

GLENAYR RD. — NEW LISTING
$679,000. Exceptional Tudor. Large princ. rms. Main floor den & family rm. 5 BR. 4 baths. Double garage. *S. Solomon.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY — $698,000
Wonderful 4 BR. Tudor. Family room. 4 baths. Doctors note: totally separate professional offices. *Edith Weiss.

GARDINER ROAD — $719,000
Custom 5 BR. 5 baths. Grand principal rms. Library + music rm. on main. Central air. Double garage. *Nancy Prussky.

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GREAT STARTER HOME!
$219,900. Well-maintained 3 bedroom bungalow. 50' x 150' lot. CAC. Close to synagogues, TTC & shopping. *Elise Stern.

CEDARVALE BUNGALOW — $279,000
Charming 3 bedroom home with private drive. Detached garage. Central air. Excellent opportunity! **Gary Mitchell.

MENIN RD. — $385,000
Bright 3-4 bedrooms. Spacious principal rooms. Eat-in kitchen. Attached garage. Quiet street. Fin. l-level. *Edith Weiss.

BATHURST/GLENCAIRN — $419,000
Spacious sidesplit. 3 bedrooms. Master ensuite. Panelled family room + walk-out. Double garage. Central air. *Betty Cohen.

BETTY ANN DRIVE/RAVINE — $449,000
Lovely 4-5 BR. W/O from fam. rm. to spectacular south facing park setting. 80' x 194' lot. Circ. drive. **G. Mitchell.

CEDARVALE — NEW LISTING
$489,000. Fabulous 4 BR. centre hall plan. Custom kitchen. Main flr. family rm. + walk-out to garden. *Susan Organek.

LAWRENCE/AVENUE — $539,900 SOLD
Magnificent reno. 4 BR. Soa[SOLD], w/glass block. Family, laundry & powder rooms. **Don Wagman/*Marlene Federman.

DEWBOURNE AVE — $569,000 SOLD
Renovated 5 bedroom. 4 b[SOLD] floor family room + walk-out. Lower level nanny's room & rec. rm. *Clairette Brand.

AVA ROAD SOLD
$619,000. Spacious 4 BR. D[SOLD]-out. Renovated eat-in kitchen. Family rm. on 2nd. Na[SOLD]'s ste. *Erica Binder.

BRAND NEW! — NOW $649,000
Stone front. 4 BR. 5 baths. Skylights. Family room + study. 2 fireplaces. Finished l-lvl. + w/o. *L. Dennis.

FAIRLAWN AVENUE — $719,000
Spectacular 3 years "new!" 4 BR. Wonderful master suite. Lower level incl. 2 bedrooms, bath & rec. room. **Harold Hillman.

ALEXANDRA WOOD — $1,495,000
Architectural beauty! Fabulous entertaining flow. Finest finishings. Walled garden with pool. *Edith Weiss.

BAYVIEW NORTH

WILLOWBROOK AREA — $284,900
Super 4 BR. Deluxe in everything! Many upgrades! Top condition! Basement walk-out to garden. *Heather Sherman.

BAYVIEW/FIFESHIRE — NEW LISTING
$389,000. Renovate or add on to this lovely 3 BR. bungalow on gorgeous secluded lot. Next to parkette. *M Federman.

WINDFIELD ESTATES — NEW LISTING
$569,000. Choice location! 5 bedrooms. 4 baths. Main floor family room. Super lower level. *Marlene Federman.

BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS — $869,000
Spacious 4 bedroom, 4 baths. Family room & den. 3 fireplaces. Central air. Secluded street. **Harold Hillman.

CHIEFTAIN/FIFESHIRE — $998,000
Georgian executive. 5 BR., 6 baths, family room + games room. CAC. Pool & spa area. Over ⅓ acre. *Eve Hillman.

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MAGNIFICENT 100x250 FT. LOT IN OLD THORNHILL OVERLOOKS POND! 11 Oakbank, 3 BR bung., ingr. pool. Please call Rachel Ilany/A. Dlouha.

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REDUCED $559,000. YORK MILLS/LESLIE. Great value. 5 BR, lib + fam. rm. + rec. rm. Sauna, wet bar, Jacuzzi, pool. Approx. 3,500 sq. ft. Please call Cheryl Graff 441-2888.

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BAYVIEW GLEN — Custom 5 bdrm. on 75. x 140' lot. Quality finishings, skylight, hrdwd. flrs., fin. lower lvl., excellent value! $499,000. Please call Natalie Kopman 441-2888.

LESLIE/STEELES — Quail Valley 3 bdrm. exec. twnhse. Ravine, dble. grge., 2 frpls., skylights, 4 W/O's. $339,000. To view please Natalie Kopman 441-2888.

REDUCED TO SELL, FABULOUS LOT 65 x 132. 3 BR, eat-in kit., S/S, needs TLC, fin. lower level, sep. entrance. Please call Carole Lazer 441-2888.

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ROSEDALE GLEN — Desirable downtown condo — open concept design 2 BR, hrdwd. flrs., lg. balcony overlooking ravine. $349,900. Please call Natalie Kopman 441-2888.

BATHURST/WILSON ONLY $289,000. Bungalow, 4 bdrms. plus den, master BR with 5 pc. ens., fin. bsmt., rec. rm, fp + 2 brs suite, lrge. fam. Please call Gert Kerbel 441-2888.

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Super bldg. lot! 40 x 133 ft. lot. Great location! Only $249,000. Act now! **DAVID EICHORN 787-1712**

BATHURST/LAWRENCE
Reduced to $254,900! Mint cond. 3 bdrm. on 49 x 120 ft. lot. Renovated & decorated, fin. bsmt. **DAVID EICHORN 787-1712**

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Totally rebuilt 3 bdrm. bung. on 50 ft. lot. Fin. Bsmt. very modern with loads of extras. Shows pride of ownership. **JACOB FLORANS 661-8022**

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BATHURST-WILSON — 3 BDRM. BUNGALOW Super lot, renovated, bsmnt. apt. $234,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — HUGE 3 BDRM. STARTER SEMI. In-law bst. apt., $181,300. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

EGLINTON-ALLAN STARTER. Reno dollhouse bung. Fin. bsmnt., near all amenities. $189,900. Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

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BATHURST - CHABAD GATE — WALK TO SHUL 3 bdrm., fam. rm., quiet cres. $236,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Doris Giller Rabinovitch on Apr 25/93, late of 40 Roxborough Street West
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Gelman, Minnie on April 23, 1993
Carp, Viola on April 23, 1993
Pasternak, Tadeusz on April 24, 1993, late of 155 Marlee Ave., #1511
Reinsilber, Rose on April 22, 1993, late of 1 Canyon Ave., #1610
Shapiro, Rose on April 24, 1993, late of 404 Crawford St.
Weinman, Bernard (Barish) on April 25, 1993
Garelick, Jack on April 30, 1993, late of 555 Sheppard Ave. W., #403
Goodman, Harriet on April 29, 1993
Ross, Sally (Sadie) on April 29, 1993, late of 148 Clifton Ave.
Roth, Irving Martin on April 28, 1993
Sandler, Murray on April 29, 1993, late of 3000 Bathurst St., #612
Smilovitz, Oscar on Apriol 26, 1993
Strasberg, Sam on April 26, 1993
Birkan, Adele on May 4, 1993
Goldberg, Jerry on May 3, 1993, late of 755 Steeles Ave. W., #902
Goldstajn, Cilla on May 4, 1993
Kirshner, Meyer on May 4, 1993, late of 4415 Bathurst St., #103
Najgoldberg , Yehuda on May 3, 1993, late of 3636 Bathurst St., #306
Platner, Rae on May 5, 1993, late of 665 Roselawn Ave., #112
Zagon, Elizabeth on May 2, 1993

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335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Roselawn Cemetery
(South Side)
Anshei Poland (Talmud Torah) Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
Sunday, May 16th, 1:15 p.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
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Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ESTHER GOODMAN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 16, 11:30 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Shaar Shalom Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JACK ROSS ז"ל
will take place
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Shaarei Tefillah Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Clanton Park Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Sunday, May 16th, 12:00 noon
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Keltzer Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
FAYE LEVINE ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 16th, 10:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Avenue.
Pride of Israel Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

City examines health priorities

NORTH YORK — The North York Public Health Department is asking people who live and work in North York to help set public health goals for the future.

The Board of Health voted last month to launch a year-long community consultation process with people who live or work in the city. Citizens are needed to serve on one of four committees to determine the city's health priorities.

"We want the public to tell us what they think is important so we can base our future services on the voices of the community. We want to ensure that we are tackling what is most important to the people we serve," said Dr. Graham Pollett, North York's medical officer of health.

The North York Public Health Department is asking for applications from citizens by May 21. An information session will be held May 13 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at North York City Hall, Committee Room 3 to inform interested people about the consultation process.

Citizens interested in sitting on the committees will be expected to attend an orientation session and meetings at least monthly for a year. A final report on the expressed priorities will go before the Board of Health in September 1994.

The Department wants to ensure that all members of the community are represented and is specifically looking to include representatives from the multicultural communities, social services agencies, local business, the education sector, health care providers and members of local community groups.

"You don't need to be a health care expert to be part of this process — you simply need to tell us about the issues of concern to your community," said Dr. Pollett. "We'll help participants to learn about the health facts so they can help set our future direction."

The Public Health Department will still provide services such as immunization, inspection and health education.

335 UNVEILINGS

CORRECTION

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
Bill Avruskin ז"ל
husband of Ev, father of Gay & Michael, brother of Isabel & Kay
will take place
Sunday, May 16th, 11:00 a.m.
Dawes Road Cemetery
Beth David Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Edith Birnbaum ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 16th, 1:00 p.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Farband Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Zelda Weingust ז"ל **(Wyngust)**
beloved mother,grandmother and great grandmother
will take place
Sunday, May 16, 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Apter Friendly Society Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
Stephen I. Guttman ז"ל
beloved husband, father & stepfather
will take place
Sunday, May 16th, 10:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Cemetery
Shaarei Tefillah Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Rose (Davis) Mintz ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 16th, 11:00 a.m.
Roselawn Cemetery
Roselawn and Chaplin Crescent
Adath Israel Section
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